EXCHANGE:
Closing Quotations:—
T.T. London 2s. 4d.
On Demand 2s. 4.1-16d.

The Hongkong Telegraph

WEATHER FORECAST
FAIR.
Barometer 30.30.

(ESTABLISHED 1881.)
Copyright 1917, by the Proprietor.

January 12, 1917. Temperature 6 a.m. 54 2 p.m. 61 Humidity " 50 " 49

January 12, 1916. Temperature 6 a.m. 51 2 p.m. 62 Humidity " 69 " 56

7560 日九十月十

FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1917.

五拜禮 號二十月一英港香 SINGLE COPY 10 CENTS. $36 PER ANNUM.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

PEACE IN 1917?

STIRRING SPEECH BY Mr. LLOYD GEORGE.

APPEAL FOR MONEY TO SHORTEN THE WAR.

January 11, 5.05 p.m.

The Guildhall was crowded on the occasion of the War Loan meeting, and Mr. Lloyd George, the Prime Minister, was given a great reception.

Mr. Bonar Law, Chancellor of the Exchequer, warned his hearers that the future rate of interest for war money would be limited. He forecasted that it would not be higher than the present interest. If the Loan failed—and it would not—other methods could be applied, and the rate would not be 5½ per cent.—(Laughter). In conclusion, he declared that the German military machine was visibly crumbling.

Mr. Lloyd George declared that the Kaiser, in order to drug those whom he could not dragoon, told the people that the Allies had rejected peace terms. We had not seen any peace terms. We all wanted peace, but it must be a real peace. The Allies at the Rome Conference were under no delusion concerning the magnitude of the task, nor were they doubtful of the result—(Cheers). The whole situation was probed, the difficulties faced, and arrangements made to deal therewith. The Allies felt that if victory was difficult, defeat was impossible—(Cheers). There was a grim resolution to rid the world everlastingly of the menace of the Prussian military caste and to save Europe from an unspeakable despotism—(Cheers). The Allies were more and more looking towards Britain, and he was confident that that trust would not be misplaced. Our Navy would continue to strangle enemy commerce, despite piratical devices—(Cheers), whi'e, with proper support, our gallant Armies would cleave the road to victory in 1917 (Loud cheers). A successful loan would shorten the war, save lives, and save the British Empire, Europe and civilisation—(Cheers). The Prussian menace at present constituted a running mortgage which detracted from our national security. Let us clear off that mortgage for ever, and in future let the nations combine to punish the first peace-breaker (Loud and continued cheering).

Continuing, Mr. Lloyd George said we had made it clear in reply to Germany, and clearer in reply to the United States, that war is preferable to peace at the Prussian price. He emphasised that there was no flinching, no wavering and no faintheartedness in the uniformity of purpose shown at the Rome Conference, but only a grim determination to achieve the high end for which we accepted the Prussian challenge and to rid Europe for ever of this menace—(Cheers). Before we rebuild the temple of peace, we must see that its foundations were solid.

The Prime Minister, proceeding, said:—The British Armies to-day in the matter of training and equipment are more formidable than ever. I don't know a nation that will dare touch us after the war. They have forgotten what we were like in the old days, but it will take them long to forget this lesson—(Cheers). The Germans are pressing back the Russians and Rumanians, not because they are better fighters, but because they are better equipped. Let us equip them, and it will then be another story (Cheers). I want to see your cheques hurtling through the air to the enemy entrenchments. Every well-directed cheque properly primed is more formidable than a twelve-inch gun. It clears a path through the barbed wire. Don't let us squander our money in luxuries and indulgences—put it there and help the soldiers. The more we get, the shorter will be the war—(Loud cheers).

THE PEACE QUESTION.

The Allies' Reply.

January 11, 7.20 a.m.

Forecasts of the Allies' reply to President Wilson have been published. They describe it as differing considerably from the reply to Germany. It is conceived in the most frank and most cordial spirit, and is addressed to the American people equally as to President Wilson.

It emphasises that the principle of nationalities must be fully carried out if a league to enforce peace is ever to be practicable.

Belgium's Reply to America.

January 11, 7.15 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at Paris, M. Briand has handed the American Ambassador a Note from the Belgian Government, adhering to the reply of the Allies and thanking the American Government for its generous services to the unfortunate Belgian people.

AUSTRIA'S MILITARY AND ECONOMIC DIFFICULTIES.

January 11, 7.25 p.m.

Austria-Hungary's military and economic difficulties are indicated by significant conferences. The Emperor Charles, at the Austrian Headquarters on Tuesday, received in audience the Bulgarian Crown Prince, the Archdukes Karl Stefani and Karl Albrecht, General Czernin, German military plenipotentiary, the Military Governor of Lublin and Count Tarnowski, the Ambassador to the United States.

General Czernin presided yesterday at an eight-hour economic conference, at Vienna, of all the Hungarian Ministers.

GERMAN WIRELESS "NEWS".

January 11, 5.40 p.m.

A wireless German official message says:—We repulsed an attack, with heavy losses, north of Ypres. We drove out the British who had penetrated on a narrow front. The enemy occupied a salient of a trench near Beaumont.

The Austro-Germans have won some successes between the Uz and Susit valleys. We stormed the heights north of the Oitus road, and captured eight hundred prisoners near Marasti and Recoata.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

A BLOW FOR PEACE.

GERMAN DESIGNS IN THE WEST.

POSSIBLE INVASION OF SWITZERLAND.

January 10, 12.10 p.m.

The *Daily News'* correspondent at Lausanne says that, despite the German denials, the Swiss are preoccupied with the possibility of German invasion.

A desperate effort is to be made to secure peace within three months by a smashing blow in the west.

Three possibilities are discussed:—Firstly, an attack on Italy from Austria, through St. Gothard; secondly, from Germany via Porrentruy, threatening Gelfort; and, thirdly, from Germany via Schaffhausen, threatening the industrial heart of France.

Swiss military experts consider a simultaneous attack at the three points most possible.

GERMAN OUTRAGES IN AMERICA.

Consul-General and Vice-Consul Convicted.

January 11, 2.00 p.m.

According to a San Francisco message, the Federal Jury has convicted the German Consul-General, the Vice-Consul, a Lieutenant and two others, including a woman, for plotting to blow up munition works, railways, bridges, trains and munition ships.

THE INVASION OF RUMANIA.

A Russian Message.

January 11, 3.25 p.m.

A wireless Russian official message says:—Fighting continues south of Lake Babit.

We captured a village east of Kalnoem.

The enemy captured two heights north of the Milcs River.

The Rumanians fell back south-east of Mokestirka.

At Kachinul, also north-east of Kempuiledesus, the enemy crossed the Putna. North of Focsani, our counter-attack threw him back with heavy losses.

Stout Russo-Rumanian Resistance.

January 11, 6.10 p.m.

The Russo-Rumanians, though falling back, are stoutly resisting and are retarding the progress of the enemy in a difficult country.

German Assertions Refuted.

January 11, 6.10 p.m.

The *Times* correspondent at the Rumanian Headquarters, telegraphing on January 8, says:—The Allies are slowly retiring to the main line of defence on the Sereth which has been strongly fortified during recent weeks.

German assertions that they have captured the Predeal Army in November reached here only yesterday. I witnessed the retreat of the whole army from the Carpathians under General Averescu, who kept in contact with the enemy the whole time. The lost guns, which were destroyed, were sacrificed by the rearguards, but the remainder of the army joined the Bukharest divisions and are still fighting.

AN EGYPTIAN SUCCESS.

A Strong Position Carried.

January 11, 2.00 p.m.

An official message from Egypt says:—We captured on Tuesday a strong position consisting of six lines of entrenchments, six main redoubts and a central keep, covering Rafa, north-east of El Arish. The Anzac mounted forces, and the Imperial Camel Corps attacked the position and carried it after a whole day's fighting. After the engagement Turkish reliefs were encountered and entirely destroyed four miles from Rafa. Further details will be sent later.

The prisoners captured are 1,600, and we have also taken four mountain guns.

The enemy killed and wounded in our hands number 600.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

January 11, 11.40 p.m.

A French communique says:—An enemy attack at Bois des Carrieres, on the right bank of the Meuse, was repulsed with serious enemy losses.

TELEGRAPH CABLES BLOCKED.

January 11, 11.40 p.m.

The cables are exceptionally blocked. Positive orders in London curtail news messages to an absolute minimum.

THE ROME CONFERENCE.

January 10, 12.10 p.m.

The *Daily Mail* says that General Sir William Robertson, General Milne, Sir Francis Elliot, and the Earl of Granville attended the Rome Conference.

January 11, 7.20 a.m.

The *Times* says it is understood that the British delegates to the Rome conference regard it as the most satisfactory of Allied War Councils, marking an advance towards unity of action.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to the "Telegraph."]

ZEPPELINS AND AEROPLANES DESTROYED.

Said to be Work of British Spies.

January 10, 12.10 p.m.

According to Reuter's correspondent at the Hague, a neutral eye-witness declares that there have been three incendiary fires at the Zeppelin sheds at Kiel during the last five weeks.

The latest destroyed two new Zeppelins, and twenty-four aeroplanes.

Five carbonised bodies were found, two of which were described by the local papers as being those of British spies.

THE GREEK CRISIS.

Britishers from Athens Reach Brindisi.

January 11, 2.00 p.m.

Reuter' correspondent at Rome says that the British colony at Athens has arrived at Brindisi, on route to England.

The Italian residents remain at Athens.

EGYPTIAN AND AMERICAN EGGS.

January 11, 7.20 a.m.

Seven million Egyptian eggs have reached London, and it is reported that they are selling at a penny-three-farthings each. The supplies from America have been the largest for months.

TO SOLVE THE IRISH PROBLEM.

January 11, 7.20 a.m.

A telegram from New York quotes the *Chicago Herald* as reporting that Lord Shaughnessy is returning to England in two months' time, having been chosen to solve the Irish problem.

EAST AFRICAN SUCCESS.

The Enemy Defeated and Routed.

January 10, 7.10 p.m.

Reuter's correspondent in East Africa, describing the sharp fighting on a twenty-mile front on January 1, resulting in the ejection of the enemy from the whole of his elaborate entrenchments on the Mgeta River, says that some hundred and thirty Baluchis on the right flank, under General Sheppard, dug in at night behind the enemy's front line and, with other Baluchis, attacked at dawn. The enemy fled in disorder towards the second line. The intervening Baluchis met them with heavy fire and repulsed three desperate attempts to break through. They then counter-charged and scattered the foe. The losses on both sides were very severe, but the enemy's were the heavier. In the evening, General Sheppard advanced fifteen miles and sent the enemy in full retreat.

Meanwhile, General Lyall, on the left flank, after occupying Kiruru, marched south-west and cut the Dutumukidingwa road. He also captured a gun and much booty.

General Cunliffe, in the centre, bombarded and captured the main enemy position. He dispersed the enemy and reached Kidaringwa.

All the troops are now pursuing the enemy forces who have abandoned munitions and stores and are scattering in the jungle with a view to reforming at a pre-arranged rendezvous.

SUBMARINE WARFARE.

January 11, 5.55 p.m.

The latest sinkings reported are the steamers Baynesk, Lynfield and Andons (British), and Fernebo (Swedish).

THE RUSSIAN POLITICAL CRISIS.

January 11, 5.55 p.m.

There is much speculation at the meaning of the political changes in Russia.

The *Daily Mail* correspondent at Petrograd says that the new Premier, Count Gobitzine, the ex-Governor of Tver, where the policy has been reactionary, interviewed, said he considered it essential to co-operate with the Parliamentary institution, for the war must continue till complete victory had been gained.

The *Daily News* correspondent at Petrograd says M. Trepoff has resigned because there was no prospect of carrying out the wishes of the Duma, the Assembly, the nobles and the Press for real collaboration between the Administration and the people.

The *Russkoye Sovo* concludes a gloomy leader by saying that through changes Russia has suffered much lately, "but we never before realised so vividly that the Fatherland was endangered."

BRITISH NAVAL LOSSES.

H.M.S. Cornwallis Sunk.

January 11, 4.05 p.m.

The Admiralty announces that the Cornwallis was torpedoed and sunk by a submarine in the Mediterranean on Tuesday. Thirteen men are missing.

[H.M.S. Cornwallis was attached to the 6th Battle Squadron. Her displacement was 14,000. She was built in 1904.]

Seaplane Carrier Sunk.

January 11, 2.55 p.m.

The seaplane carrier Ben Myohree was sunk by gunfire off Kasterlorizo, Asia Minor, to-day. One officer and four men were wounded.

(Continued on page 8.)

TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph.")

OBITUARY.

London, January, 10.

The death is announced of Mr. J. E. O'Connor, of the Indian Civil Service.

SMOKERS TO COST MORE.

Drastic Regulations of the Board of Trade.

Smokers will have to pay more for their luxuries.

On account of the very drastic import restrictions which the Board of Trade has placed on Macedonian tobacco, and because of the further enormously increased price, many wholesale cigarette firms have been compelled to resort to rationing and to increase their charges.

The largest independent firm of cigarette manufacturers informed their customers that from December 1 they will raise their cigarette prices by 1s. 3d. per hundred, and those sold by weight will be advanced by 3d. and up to 6d. per ounce. In addition the former supplies are to be cut down 50 per cent.

Mr. Van Raalte, of New-street, St. Martin's-lane, informed a representative of the *Globe* that the Board of Trade is now allowing one-third of the quantity passed in 1914. His firm is at present selling any Virginia or Dubec tobacco for use, as they require all they can obtain for their own speciality or proprietary brands. This is a great hardship to the small and private manufacturer.

As regards cigars, the Board of Trade allowances for 1916 has already been used up. A large number of quite small shops have a larger stock of cigars than many of the wholesale importers, and if the Board of Trade determination not to grant licences for importation until next May holds good, it will mean that cigars cannot arrive until about August, and the position of importers, dealers, retailers, and consumers will be very precarious. At the present moment there is actually a cigar famine.

There is a great scarcity of Havana cigars, says Mr. Van Raalte, who doubts whether a combination of importers have enough stock to supply a fair-sized restaurant. Exporters in Havana have taken advantage of the restrictions, and practically sent to this country the goods from which they obtain most profit, namely, cigars realising £5 to £25 per hundred. The result is that the moderate-priced cigar smoker has been left in the cold.

As regards British cigars, there is a great scarcity of leaf and labour. Some of the widely-advertised brands have been advanced in price two or three times since the war, and it would be hard to find a firm willing to accept an order with promise of delivery.

Temptations have been offered to some dealers by large retail houses offered to buy the whole of their stocks, but these have been refused, as their smaller customers would be unable to carry on.

DON'T FORGET.

TO-DAY.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

TO-MORROW.
Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre—9.15 p.m.
New Hongkong Cinematograph—9.15 p.m.

NOTICES.

EXPANDED METAL

FOR PLASTER WORK AND REINFORCED CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION

AS USED IN NUMEROUS IMPORTANT WORKS IN

FOR FLOOR, ROOF, FOUNDATION, WALL, ETC.

GREAT BRITAIN and AMERICA.

STOCK LIST, PAMPHLETS, AND PRICES ON APPLICATION.

Quotations for description of Machinery or Engineering Plant on application to

DODWELL & CO., LTD., Machinery Dept

THE STANDARD LIFE ASSURANCE CO.

New Scheme for Children's Early Endowment:—

Principal features: Small Premium, Liberal Surrender Value, No Medical Examination, Return of Premia in the Event of Death, and Numerous Options at the Age of 25.

WRITE FOR PAMPHLET AND FULL PARTICULARS TO

DODWELL & CO., LTD. Agents.

GANDY BELTING

(:o:)

SOLE AGENTS:—

THE EASTERN ASBESTOS CO.

QUEEN'S BUILDING, CHATER ROAD, HONGKONG.

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO. LTD.

ESTABLISHED 1883.

MANUFACTURERS OF

PURE MANILA ROPE

8 STRAND	CABLE LAID	4 STRAND
1" to 15" CIRCUMFERENCE.	3" to 15" CIRCUMFERENCE	3" to 10" CIRCUMFERENCE.

Oil Drilling Cables of any size up to 3,000 feet in length.

Prices, Samples and full particulars will be forwarded on application.

SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers.

THREE DIAMOND

COURVOISIERS

BRANDY.

SOLE AGENTS:

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR & CO.

12, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Telephone No. 75.

ASTHMA CAN BE CURED.

WHEN why be half suffocated, and sit up all night coughing and gasping for breath when a SINGLE dose of

NOBBS' ASTHMA CURE

will give you certain, prompt relief and ensure a good night's rest? This, the only genuine cure for Asthma, discovered by Mr. NOBBS, a qualified Chemist, and a sufferer for many years, will, if taken when necessary, effect a radical cure of this erstwhile incurable malady.

Obtainable at Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd. and all Chemist and Patent Medicine Vendors.

Price; $2.50 per bottle.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 375 lbs. net.
In Bags of 250 lbs. net.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 16th August, 1916.

NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE INSURANCE CO.,

in which are vested the shares o

THE OCEAN MARINE INSURANCE CO., LTD.

AND

THE RAILWAY PASSENGERS ASSURANCE CO.

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
Agents.

LESSONS IN CHINESE.

MR. LI HOY FAN, a Chinese graduate versed in literature, has been a teacher to European officials and merchants in this Colony for ten years.

He has a good knowledge of training Europeans to pass Chinese examinations, and is possessed of a first-rate certificate as a Chinese teacher. He has also a good knowledge of Mandarin and Hakka.

Those who intend learning the Chinese language are requested to write: name of "Hongkong Telegraph" office or direct to No. 181, Wellington Street, second floor.

PHOTOGRAPHS TAKEN ON CHRISTMAS CARDS.

IN ANY STYLE, AS DESIRED.

—:o:—

CHEAP SALE OF VIEWS OF HONGKONG AND CANTON.

—:o:—

MEE CHEONG,
PHOTOGRAPHER.
1 c House Street. Telephone [illegible].

LEE KEE

BUILDING CONTRACTOR.
DEALER IN SANITARY GOODS, MANUFACTURER OF MOSAIC TILES, FIRE BRICKS AND SANITARY STONEWARE DRAIN PIPES. IMPORTER AND EXPORTER OF BUILDING MATERIALS.
Telephone No. 1482, Office & Showroom
Head Office:—21, Wellington Street.

For the best Meals, Refreshments, Bread, Cakes and Confectionery at before-the-war prices. ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Yorkshire Insurance Co., Ltd.

ESTABLISHED 1884.

The Undersigned AGENTS for the above Company are prepared to ACCEPT RISKS against FIRE at Current Rates.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
AGENTS.

NOTICES.

XMAS HAMS

"SILVER DISH" BRAND.

EVERY HAM GUARANTEED.

QUALITY CANNOT BE SURPASSED.

HOTELS AND CAFES.

THE HONGKONG HOTEL AND GRILL ROOM.

J. H. TAGGART, Manager.

PEAK HOTEL.

1,400 FEET ABOVE SEA LEVEL.

FIFTEEN MINUTES FROM PRINCIPAL LANDING STAGE.

FIRST-CLASS RESIDENTIAL and TOURIST HOTEL. Unrivalled for Comfort, Health and Convenience. Telephones in Every Room; prompt connection maintained by six lines to Central. Moderate Tariff and Excellent Cuisine. Roof Garden and Social Rooms. European Banner meets Steamers

P. O. PEUSTER, Manager.

GRAND HOTEL.

A first-class and up-to-date Hotel, most central location, within the vicinity of all the principal Banks. Noted for the best Food, Refreshments, Accommodation and Cleanliness. Cuisine under European Supervision.

A first-class string Orchestra renders selections from 8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Special monthly terms for residents and for shipping people.

For further particulars apply:— W. GALLAGHER, Manager.

Telephone No. 197. Telegraphic Address "COMFORT."

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

CENTRAL LOCATION.
ELECTRIC LIFTS AND LIGHTING.
TELEPHONE ON EACH FLOOR.
HOTEL LAUNCH MEETS ALL STEAMERS.

Tel. 373 Telegraphic Address: "VICTORIA"
J. WITCHELL
Manager

ST. GEORGE'S HOUSE,

2 and 4, KENNEDY ROAD. Telephone 115.

Private hotel, affording every Comfort. Large and airy rooms. Splendid View of Harbour. Excellent Cuisine under Personal Supervision of the Proprietress.

For Terms apply:—MRS. LOSSIUS, Proprietress.

STATION HOTEL,

KOWLOON.

First class and most up-to-date Residential and Tourist Hotel. Two minutes from the Ferry. Moderate tariff and most excellent cuisine under entirely European management. Monthly and Family rates can be arranged on most reasonable terms.

Apply:—THE MANAGERESS, Kowloon.

Telegraphic Address: "THERMOTEL." Code Used: A.B.C. 5th Edn.

NEW MACAO HOTEL,

PRAYA GRANDE, MACAO.

The above Hotel was opened on August 1st, 1914, under new proprietorship and Management. The Hotel now offers, for Residents and Tourists, excellent accommodation. Large dining room facing the sea. It has been entirely renovated throughout and newly furnished, and is now up-to-date in every respect. Large and airy rooms, excellent sanitary arrangements, Hot and Cold Baths, Electric Lights and Fans Private and Public Bar and Billiards. Terms Moderate. For further information apply to

Telegraphic Address "Phenix." THE MANAGER.

ALEXANDRA CAFE.

Our Bread is made from the Best Quality Flour only and can be obtained and orders taken at AH WEE'S DAIRY, 31, Peking Road, ON LEE Comprador, Haiphong Road, HUNG CHEONG Comprador, Haiphong Road, KWONG FOOK, Comprador, Haiphong Road, KWONG YUEN MOW, Comprador, Haiphong Road.

Orders may be left with the above for any of our products. We put up absolutely the Best Tiffins and Dinners—a new Menu for Each Meal. Price one Dollar Each, or 30 Meals for $30.00 good for any meal, or a la Carte up to 75 cents

We Guarantee everything put up and sold by the Alexandra Cafe to be of first Class Quality. Try our own make Pork Sausages and Pork Pies. Pure Java Coffee Roasted and Ground Daily and put up in 1 lb. Tins at 50 cents. We give you a Splendid Cup of Lipton's Tea. Mineral and soft drinks of every description.

Just give us a Trial and you will be more than satisfied.

R. J. HOWARD, Sole Proprietor.

Grand Hotel de l'Europe, Singapore.

UNDER NEW BRITISH MANAGEMENT.

THE PREMIER HOTEL. FINEST SITUATION. EXCELLENT CUISINE.

ARTHUR E. ODEL.

(Late Grand Hotel, Southcliffe, England, and Royal Palace Hotel London, W.E.)

NOTICE.

DRAGON MOTOR CAR Co.

MOTOR CARS FOR HIRE & SALE.

PROMPT SERVICE.

Sole Distributors for South China and Macao for the OVERLAND and HUDSON Motor Cars, the TRUMBULL Cycle Car, NEW COMET and the HARLEY DAVIDSON Motor Cycles.

KOWLOON BRANCH. 26, NATHAN ROAD. TEL. 482.

PROPRIETOR, C. LAURITSEN. Tel. 482

FRENCH LESSONS.

C. MOUSSION,
15a Morrison Hill Road.

NOTICES.

SCRIPPS.

NEW YORK TO PETROGRAD:

"THE MOTOR THAT DID IT."

ALEX. ROSS & CO. SOLE AGENTS

ESTIMATES FREE.

THE PENTA MARINE MOTOR.

RUNNING ON PETROL, BENSOL, ALCOHOL OR PETROLEUM.

Unsurpassed in construction and workmanship. Silent running. BEST four-cycle Motor on the market for running on PETROLEUM.

Economical working. Accessibility to all working parts. Swedish make.

36 B. H. P. PENTA Marine Motor with reverse gear and fitted with PENTA Universal Vaporiser.

THE HEXA MOTOR

for Stationery, Portable and Marine purposes. This Motor runs on Petroleum and equally advantageously on all kinds of Crude & Tar Oil.

FOR PARTICULARS AND CATALOGUES APPLY TO THE AGENTS:—

A. B. THE SWEDISH TRADING CO., FIL. IN CHINA, LTD.

York Buildings, Top Floor. Telephone. 171.

Tel. No. 1877. THE COLONIAL DISPENSARY COLIN MACKENZIE & CO. Tel. No. 1877.

CHEMISTS & DRUGGISTS

14, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, HONGKONG

AT LAST.

The enemy firms which manufacture Nerve Strengthening Food are at last to be wound up under the Trading with the Enemy Act. Now if you want a nerve strengthening food you must buy it from an English firm.

WE SELL SANAPHOS.

AN ENTIRELY BRITISH PRODUCT prescribed by the highest medical authorities. An ideal summer tonic for reconstructing the worn nerve tissue. We can recommend it.

Price $3.50 per bottle.

IT IS FOLLY TO BUY A PIANO

Unless you are sure it is by a Maker YOU Know, and Whose Reputation YOU can rely on. The Robinson Piano Co., Ltd. Are Sole Agents for the World Renowned Pianos,

CHALLEN.
CHAPPELL.
BRINSMEAD.

THE PHARMACY

having just received a large stock of JEYES FLUID and other specialities including Jeyes Lysol, Jeyes Lano Cyllin, Jeyes Cyllin Lozenges, Jeyes Dentifrice Water, Jeyes Bath Soap, Jeyes Coal Tar Soap, etc. direct from

JEYES' SANITARY COMPOUNDS CO., LTD., LONDON.

BE ON THE SAFE SIDE AND USE RELIABLE & SCIENTIFICALLY PREPARED DISINFECTANTS AT THESE TIMES

PRICES VERY MODERATE.

GENERAL NEWS.

Well-Known Cricketer Dead.

On December 8 Mr. C. E. Green, the well-known cricketer, and President of the M. C. C. in 1905, died at his residence at Epping Born in August 1846, his name had been familiar to cricketers for over 50 years. He gained his Blue at Cambridge as a Freshman in 1865, and he was in the Cambridge Eleven for four years, being captain in 1868. In county cricket he played for Middlesex and Sussex before becoming closely associated with Essex, the county of his birth.

Barony Becomes Extinct.

A barony becomes extinct by the death of Lord Fitzhardinge, of Berkeley Castle, Gloucestershire. Lord Fitzhardinge was born on April 19, 1850. He had been a widower since 1902, and had no children, nor is there any heir to the title. From 1862 to 1865 he sat in the House of Commons as Liberal M.P. for the City of Gloucester. The barony of Fitzhardinge was conferred in 1861 upon his father, Admiral Sir Maurice Berkeley, G.C.B., M.P., several times a Lord of the Admiralty. He died in 1867, and was succeeded by his eldest son, upon whose death, in 1896, his younger brother, the late peer, inherited the title.

Viscount Grey and the Japanese.

London, Dec. 22 (Delayed in transmission).—Viscount Motono sent the following despatch to Viscount Grey: "I sincerely regret to learn of your resignation and desire to assure you that the great work you have accomplished for international good relations and particularly for the promotion of true friendship and mutual confidence between our two nations will always be remembered by Japan with abiding appreciation." Lord Grey replied: "I thank you sincerely and I am very glad to have had any part in promoting true friendship and mutual confidence between our nations. I shall always remember with much appreciation the pleasant and cordial relations with Japan while in office."—*Japan Advertiser.*

Lord Burnham's Estate.

The will (containing over 17,000 words) of Edward, first Lord Burnham, of Hall Barn, Beaconsfield, and of 20, Norfolk Street, Park Lane, London, principal proprietor of the *Daily Telegraph*, president of the Institute of Journalists in 1886 and hon. treasurer at the time of his death, who died on January 9 last, aged 82 years, has been proved. The value of the unsettled estate amounts to £267,871, with net personalty £107,076. He directed his trustees "to pay to such of the persons who at my death shall be, or shall at any time previously have been, members of the staff of the *Daily Telegraph* newspaper, or in my personal employ or service, and to such persons or institution by way of charitable donations as my trustees shall, in their absolute discretion, select, such sums of money as they shall in the like discretion deem proper."

British Grown Timber.

The easy-going British habit of trusting entirely to abundant foreign supplies and despising the native production has received several rough shocks since the war began. The well-known forester, Mr. A. D. Webster, has usefully seized the right moment to issue a practical and interesting little book on "British Grown Timber and Trees" (Rider, 6d.), enumerating the different trees which grow wild in this country, describing the character and practical utility of the wood of each, with a coloured illustration of its grain. He also indicates what it is usually worth in the market; though the present demand will not continue so urgently for the war. We ought in the meantime to learn the wisdom of making the most of our home resources. If, instead of heedlessly treating trees that are cut down merely as firewood, we utilise Arboreal Timber as far as possible to practical use, we are increasing our national wealth instead of enriching the foreigner. The historic importance of peppers [illegible]

GENERAL NEWS.

Chan Kwing-ming.

Chan Kwing-ming, ex-Tutuh of Kwangtung, is said to have arrived in Peking on January 2.

Pay for Special Constables.

The special constables in both the City and Metropolitan Forces, but especially in the former, have lately noticed that their discipline and general treatment is gradually becoming more and more like that of their regular comrades. It is commonly anticipated, says the *Globe*, that the time is approaching when a proposal that their services shall be remunerated will be made. In the event of this expectation being fulfilled the men will be more subject to orders, and it is probable that further duties, both day and night, will be imposed upon them.

Early English Short-Sightedness.

German industrial penetration, of which the war has made us realise the insidious danger, was practised in the days from which Edward III, of the Hanseatic League, borrowed money for his French wars and his crown and most valuable jewels were long kept in pawn at Cologne. There is an allusion to the German merchants in a law-book of Ethelred II, written in 978, and in a charter of Henry III. they are spoken of as "traders of Almaine." At that time the English are said, according to the *Empire Review*, to have obtained all the yew for their bows from Austria by way of Dantzig, an instance of national folly on a par with that of their twentieth-century descendants, who likewise allowed themselves to become dependent on foreigners for articles vital to national security. —*Globe*.

Silver Medal for Steamer's Apprentice.

The Board of Trade silver medal for gallantry in saving life at sea has been presented to Second-Lieutenant Cyril Leslie Cooper, Inland Water Transport, who was at the time of the rescue apprentice on the steamship Narragansett, of Greenock. On the 9th of October, 1913, while the steamship Volturno, of London, was in the North Atlantic Ocean, a fire broke out in the forward part of the ship. Every effort to subdue the fire proved unavailing, and in answer to wireless messages for assistance eleven vessels proceeded to the help of the Volturno, including the British steamer Narragansett. Great difficulty was experienced in communicating with the Volturno owing to the heavy sea, but finally five hundred and twenty persons in all (457 passengers and 63 crew) were rescued. One hundred and thirty-four persons lost their lives. Very considerable risk was incurred in rendering the services on account of the strong gale and very heavy seas prevailing at the time.

H.M. Cadet Ship Conway.

At a meeting of the Conway Committee of Management held in the boardroom of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, Captain Broadbent was able to lay before the committee his report for the previous five weeks, which was of a most satisfactory character, the ship being free from sickness throughout almost the whole of the term, with the exception of a few cases of colds. The number of cadets on the books still remains at the high-water mark of 230. Twenty of these are leaving at the end of this term on the completion of their course of training, whilst five others are leaving owing to various causes. In addition to these there are twelve Osborne cadets who finish their course this term. The committee were pleased to learn, however, that the vacancies resultant on all these different changes had already been filled up in advance. In the absence, owing to indisposition, of Mr. G. D. Killey, J. P., chairman of the committee, Commander A. Houghton, R.N.R., deputy-chairman, presided.

If you have lost your appetite one of the big variety of dainty dishes at the ALEXANDRA CAFE is sure to tempt you.

NOTICES.

VICTOR RECORDS

THE

RECORDS OF QUALITY.

LARGE SHIPMENT

JUST RECEIVED.

GIVE US A CALL AND MAKE YOUR SELECTION.

MOUTRIE'S.

EXCLUSIVE AGENTS.

N. LAZARUS,

OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN.

THE ONLY

EUROPEAN OPTICIAN IN THE COLONY.

DOCTORS' PRESCRIPTIONS ACCURATELY FILLED.

N. LAZARUS,

NOTE THE ADDRESS. OPHTHALMIC OPTICIAN 28, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

"THISTLE" BRAND

HAMS. BACON.

RENOWNED EVERYWHERE FOR THEIR UNIFORM EXCELLENCE.

SPECIALLY CURED FOR TROPICAL MARKETS

TO BE FOUND ON THE BEST TABLES.

EUROPEAN AGENCY.

WHOLESALE Indents promptly executed at lowest cash prices for all British and Continental goods, including

Books and Stationery,
Boots, Shoes and Leather,
Chemicals and Druggists' Sundries,
China, Earthenware and Glassware,
Cycles, Motor Cars and Accessories,
Drapery, Millinery and Piece Goods,
Fancy Goods and Perfumery,
Hardware, Machinery and Metals,
Jewellery, Plate and Watches.
Photographic & Optical Goods.
Provisions and Oilmen's Stores.
etc., etc.

Commission 2½% to 5%.
Trade Discounts allowed.
Special Quotations on Demand.
Sample Cases from £10 upwards.
Consignments of Produce Sold on Account.

WILLIAM WILSON & SONS
(Established 1810)
25 ABCHURCH LANE, LONDON E.C.
Cable Address: "Associate" London.

NOTICES.

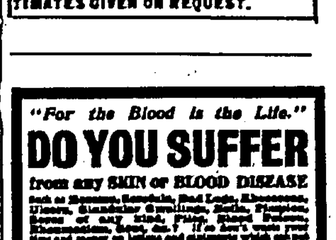
TSANG FOOK.
94A Wanchai Road. Telephone 2127
PIANOS & ORGANS REPAIRED, TUNED & REGULATED. CASES RE-POLISHED. WORK & FINISH GUARANTEED LOWEST CHARGES CONSISTENT WITH BEST WORKMANSHIP. ESTIMATES GIVEN ON REQUEST.

"For the Blood is the Life."

DO YOU SUFFER

from any SKIN or BLOOD DISEASE

Such as Ringworm, Scrofula, Bad Legs, Rheumatism, Ulcers, Glandular Swellings, Boils, Pimples, Sores of any kind, Piles, Blood Poisons, Blood Taints, Scaly, Itchy Skin, or if you have pains and soreness which settle and bother the joints of the skin. When you write and what you want is a medicine that will go right into the blood of the poisonous matter which shows in the sore places of the skin and purify it, then you want a good, reliable, old-established remedy like Clarke's Blood Mixture. It is composed of ingredients



Thousands of Testimonials to Cures of all Complaints and Ages.

WILL CURE YOU FOR 10/6

Prepaid Advertisements.

ONE CENT PER WORD

FOR EACH INSERTION.

TO BE LET.

TO LET.—First Class shop in Chater Road next Moutries Lane at rear. Apply.—Clark & Co.

TO BE LET.—Houses in Austin Avenue, Kowloon. Apply E. R. R. c/o E. D. Sassoon & Co.

TO LET.—Furnished Rooms, with or without Board: Bathroom to each Room. Electricity throughout. Apply Palace Hotel, Kowloon.

TO LET.—Flats in "Ewo Mess," No. 8 the Peak. Apply Property Office, JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.

TO BE LET.—Four-roomed houses in Gordon Terrace and Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.—Kowloon Marine Lot 48, with wharf, area 58,000 sq. ft. suitable for coal storage or erection of godowns.

Apply to:—
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE CO., LTD.,
Alexandra Buildings.

TO BE LET.—Offices at 9, Connaught Road, C.
Offices in King's & York Buildings.
Houses in Clifton Gardens, Conduit Road.
Houses in Broadwood & Moreton Terraces.
No. 21, Wong Nei Chong Road.
Houses on Shameen, Canton.

Apply to:—
THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY Co., Ltd.

TO BE LET.

TO BE LET at the Peak, furnished, 3 Stewart Terrace. Apply:—H. E. Pollock, Prince's Buildings.

TO BE LET.—No. 6, MOUNTAIN VIEW, Peak, Six Rooms, unfurnished. Apply:—DENNYS & BOWLEY.

TO LET.—From 1st May, 1916, Offices, 2nd Floor, St. George's Building. Apply to:—SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.

TO BE LET.—At Peak, SIX-ROOMED FURNISHED HOUSE, Tennis court, vegetable garden, March to October, $145 per month inclusive. Apply Box 1253 c/o "Hongkong Telegraph."

WANTED.

WANTED. — Typewriting; Manuscript of every kind accurately and neatly typed at short notice by Englishman. Terms 30 cents per folio. Commercial correspondence in English for Chinese business gentlemen a speciality. Write "Despatch," "Hongkong Telegraph."

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—One 10½ B.H.P. Hornsby Ackroyd Oil Engine complete with and coupled direct of one 6 K.W. Continuous Current Shunt Wound Dynamo to 50/70 volts with shunt regulator. ALSO One Switchboard for Accumulators Dynamo, &c., complete with instruments for 100 Amps. For further particulars apply to Messrs. Linstead & Davis Alexandra Buildings.

Hongkong 15th September, 1915.

NOTICES.

RHODINE.

RHODINE means acetyl acid of the purest quality.

It is the equivalent of the German Aspirine and is as efficient if not more so than this last product for the same therapeutic purposes.

Each tablet contains 0.50 gramme of pure RHODINE.

From 1 to 6 tablets a day may be taken, according to physician's prescription.

RHODINE is a special remedy for acute rheumation. If taken in proper doses, it will often cure and always alleviate headache, *neuralgia, stomachic pains* etc, if those complaints find their origin in rheumatism.

It is very valuable in influenza, typhoid fever and in all kinds of infectious diseases attended by feverishness.

These tablets may be taken at any time, in a small quantity of water in which they will dissolve almost immediately.

Alkaline water, Eau de Vichy or water containing bicarbonate of soda, for instance, should be avoided.

OBTAINABLE AT ALL CHEMISTS.

G. R.

Any European, Non-Asiatic or Indian desiring to leave the Colony should apply in person at the Central Police Station between the hours of 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. daily.

Applicants will be required to produce Passports or identification papers.

All persons with certain exceptions who remain in the Colony for more than 7 days are required to Register themselves under the REGISTRATION of PERSONS ORDINANCE 1916. Forms of Registration giving the particulars required may be obtained at the G. P. O. and at all Police Stations.

The Penalty for non-compliance is a fine not exceeding $50

JEBSEN & CO.

In liquidation.

CREDITORS are required to send in their claims to the Undersigned on or before MONDAY the 15th January 1917.

Dated the 20th December, 1916.

W. M. HUMPHREYS,
No. 16, Queen's Road, Central,
Liquidator.

FREE TO ALL SUFFERERS

THERAPION

MAN LOONG.

FIRST-CLASS PRESERVES, GINGER AND SOY MANUFACTURERS.

Factory at Yaumati

OFFICE: No. 36, Des Voeux Road, W. Telephone No. 177 & K. 12.

WE are the leading Manufacturers in this class of Goods. Our Fruit & Ginger are all fresh and of the first pick. Our Syrup is prepared from the best quality of Sugar. We give our special attention to the business and sanitary arrangements.

SINGON & CO.

Established A. D. 1880.

IRON, STEEL, METAL and HARDWARE MERCHANTS. Wholesale and Retail Ironmongers, Pig Iron and Foundry Coke Importers. General Storekeepers and Shipchandlers. Nos. 35 and 37, Hing Loong Street, (2nd Street, west of Central Market), Telephone No. 515

HONGKONG & CHINA GAS CO., LTD.

THE Company beg to notify the Public that the price of Gas will be REDUCED by TWENTY CENTS per 1,000 cubic feet as from 1st February next.

By order of the Directors,
GEORGE CURRY,
Local Secretary.

Hongkong, 6th January, 1917.

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

SOLE AGENTS FOR SPALDING'S ATHLETIC GOODS.

JUST RECEIVED

SPALDING'S LATEST GOLF BALL

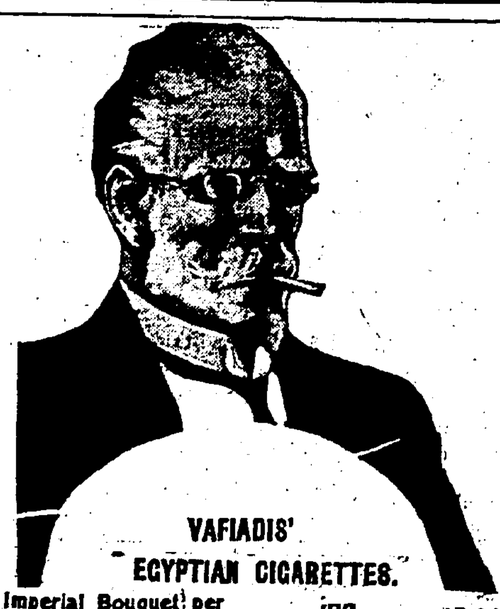
THE "BRITISH HONOR."

MADE WITH DIMPLE MARKINGS.

INSPECTION INVITED.

LANE CRAWFORD & CO.

A SMOKING MIXTURE WITH A MILD AND MELLOW FLAVOUR WHICH DELIGHTS THE CONNOISSEUR.



VAFIADIS'
EGYPTIAN CIGARETTES.

Imperial Bouquet } per Crown Prince	100	$5.30
" "	100	4.65
" "	50	2.35
" "	10	.50
Extra Fine (Grand Format)	50	2.35
Nectar	50	2.35
Yildiz	25	1.10
Club Size	10	.40
Non Plus Ultra	100	3.60
" "	50	1.85
" "	20	.75
Superfine	100	2.40
"	50	1.20

SOLE AGENTS:—
HONGKONG CIGAR STORE.
HOTEL MANSIONS.

SMOKE THE POPULAR CIGARETTES

• M. C. C. •

CORK TIPPED.	... ...	...Per 100. $1.50
GOLD "	... ...	... " " $1.50
PLAIN "	... ...	... " " $1.25

M.C.C. SPECIAL PLAIN TIPPED Per. 20, 35 cents.

SOLD EVERYWHERE.

SOLE AGENT:—GRAECO-EGYPTIAN TOBACCO STORE.

The Graeco-Egyptian Tobacco Store has always in Stock, from all high class Egyptian Cigarette manufactories, fresh stocks, such as Nestor Gianaclis N. D. Toccos, M. Melachrino, Dimitrino, Simon Aris, Mazpero Freres' Felucca Specials, Ieberwood Brothers, Westminster Specials, etc.

POPULAR PRICES.

REPAIRS! REPAIRS!! REPAIRS!!!

CHRONOMETERS, CHRONOGRAPHS, REPEATERS, ALL DESCRIPTIONS OF HIGH GRADE WATCHES, CLOCKS & INSTRUMENTS CLEANED & REPAIRED

BY

AN ENGLISH WATCHMAKER,

ALL WORK DONE ON THE PREMISES.

JAMES STEER,

PRACTICAL CHRONOMETER AND WATCH MAKER.

LATE OF [illegible]

NOTE THE ADDRESS: 4, D'Aguilar Street.

ROBERT PORTER & SON'S

BULL DOG

LIGHT ALE

IN PINTS AND SPLITS.

SOLE AGENTS:

A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.,

WINE AND SPIRIT MERCHANTS.

HONGKONG.

Telephone No. 616.

Correspondents are requested to observe the rule which requires them to forward their names and addresses with communications addressed to the Editor, not necessarily for publication, but as an evidence of their bona fides.

All communications intended for publication should be addressed to the Editor.

Business correspondence should be sent to the Manager.

Cable Address: Telegraph, Hongkong.

Telephone: No. 1 A.B.C., 5th edition. Western Union
Office address: 11, Ice House St.

The Hongkong Telegraph.

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, JANUARY 12, 1917.

BRITISH TRADE AND BANKING.

Realising that after the war there will be an unexampled contest for trade supremacy, both in point of magnitude and in vigour, the business minds of all nations are at the moment rightly considering the lines upon which to proceed with advantage. It is not unnatural that, with the increased attention being paid to such matters, many projects, which have long struggled in vain for influential support and public recognition, are now finding their opportunity. One of these matters which is now being forced to the front, deals with the deficiencies in British banking and financial institutions, in regard to which business men have long complained they they are heavily handicapped. In leading and special articles it has not infrequently been pointed out in the *Telegraph* that the more elastic credit arrangements which foreign bankers, particularly German, have supplied, enable foreign firms to secure markets which would undoubtedly be ours if the merits of the goods were the determining factor. However pernicious, as a business principle, long credit may be, one has to recognise that many foreign buyers —China providing a strong case in point—are accustomed to it, and the trade naturally goes to the seller who can give that credit. The Germans did, and they got trade. Britishers could not, and their trade suffered in consequence. For the trade war which is coming we shall need to be better equipped, and thus it is that banks and banking matters have been considered with the seriousness which the problem demands.

Commercial men in Hongkong are doubtless aware that a Board of Trade Committee—composed of Bank directors—has recently presented a report in which some valuable suggestions have been made. It should of course, be borne in mind that, so far as our banks are concerned, the answer to all complaints has been that their prime object is to do profitable business with safety to their shareholders and customers and that they are right in refusing to lock up large portions of the money entrusted to them in long credit, or in promoting foreign enterprises where the risks are unknown. In the Committee's report referred to, a proposal is actually made for the establishment of a separate financial institution, with a nominal capital of ten million pounds, controlled by a board of directors, "composed of men with banking, financial, industrial and commercial knowledge, and in close touch with the leading industries of the country." Such a British Trade Bank, in close friendly touch with the joint-stock banks, with which it could cooperate in such business operations as involved risks too great for the latter to undertake alone, and with every assistance from the Government, would be a far better arrangement than the present one.

But the suggestion has not gone unchallenged or uncriticised, for the idea is looked upon, in some quarters, as a very good thing for the bankers, without due attention having been paid to State policy. It is argued that the bank, whilst being endowed with as much official recognition as possible, including a monopoly of Government business for the financial support of "key industries" or other "commercial and financial transactions in which the Government may be interested," would be conducted entirely by private persons for private gain; would, in fact, be a great monopoly. Opponents contend that the State would afford it all the prestige and practical support which it could, but have no direct voice in the policy or share in the fruits of it. In contrast, a vigorous plea has been made for consideration of the Empire as a great public estate calling for business development upon lines not of individual gain, but of imperial policy. Publicly raised and publicly guided credit is what is needed, for the State has to play a far larger and more varied part than hitherto in the organisation and control of the vital industries, both in the Empire and in foreign countries, so far as they effect our necessary supplies. For ourselves we can only add that we hope that the discussion of these different schemes will not result in delaying action, for it is high time British commercial pioneers were placed on a more equal footing with their foreign competitors.

Cruelty to Animals.

We have often had occasion to refer to the heartless manner in which the Chinese treat animals and birds which come under their care, and in this direction we have commented on the scant consideration which fowls receive when being carried through the streets. Although prosecutions at the Police Court are occasionally taken against unfeeling natives for infliction of suffering, we see so many instances of undoubted cruelty going unchallenged that we wonder whether anybody really cares about these things. The latest case to come under our notice was one which took place yesterday afternoon, and, as it occurred under the very walls of the Magistracy, we could not but feel that the act was a distinct challenge to the British sense of humane treatment. A woman of the coolie class was the offender, and she was carrying two live fowls, tied together round the legs by a piece of rattan so that they both hung heads downwards, and swung to and fro with each step she took. The woman seemed unconscious of the fact that she was causing the chicken any pain, or, if she did realise it, she thought it was quite the proper thing. She passed right along by the Magistracy, continuing her journey down Wyndham Street, unspoken to, and in sight of a lukong, who placidly stood near the fencing erected round the site of the new police buildings.

What Is Needed.

In face of such a proceeding—and it is common knowledge that similar happenings are going on every day in various parts of the Colony—is it any wonder that these people continue to violate those rules of conduct which Britishers have long since established in conformity with their higher code? There is something in the British make-up which is instantly outraged at such sights as these, and our statutes rightly forbid the causing of pain and suffering under the most heavy penalties. Yet in a British Colony flagrant breaches of the code abound, and are regarded in such a promiscuous and haphazard manner as to make us appear the most inconsistent people imaginable. It is surely high time something were done to demonstrate in a firm manner our high principles. Every police officer, from Inspector to lukong, should be instructed to keep a sharp eye open for any case of cruelty, whether to a mongrel dog or any other creature; our local branch of the R.S.P.C.A. should be goaded into action,—or, if too apathetic, should be superseded by a live organisation; and the fiat should go forth that Britishers will not tolerate needless cruelty, no matter by whom performed. With a stern magisterial policy towards offenders, a campaign fruitful in its effects could be carried out, for the Chinese would then learn of another way in which British rule is beneficial, i.e., in the inculcation of human kindness towards the lower orders of life.

Germany and Peace.

There is probably no longer any doubt in the minds of Allied subjects as to Germany's hunger for peace. She is "falling over herself" in her anxiety to get it. She has never had, and will never again have, so good an excuse as the Rumanian position gives her for seeking it; and she is, of course, proportionately enraged at the Allies' laughing at her and seeing through her schemes. These having failed most dismally, she is now forced to wait for the Entente's reply to the American Note—and she would give a good deal to know what that reply contains. In the meantime, we wonder how far the Germans in China are responsible for the spreading of the rumour, among Chinese financiers, that peace is coming within three months. *If* peace is coming, it will certainly be on very different terms from any that the enemy has offered up till now. Mr. Lloyd George has promised us a "knock out" fight, and it is a moral certainty that nothing less—with the subsequent hanging of the Kaiser and his degenerate heir—will satisfy the major part of the subjects of the Allied Powers.

DAY BY DAY.

GO OFTEN TO THE HOUSE OF THY FRIEND, FOR WEEDS CHOKE UP THE UNUSED PATH.—Scandinavian Proverb.

The Dollar.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.1/16d.

To-morrow's Anniversary.

To-morrow is the 68th anniversary of the battle of Chillianwallah.

To a Correspondent.

"Kapua Bela."—Thanks for your letter; but we do not think any useful purpose will be served by its publication.

"Selecting Onions."

Not a little amusement was caused at the Police Court this morning when a woman, who had been asked what her occupation was, replied that she was engaged in selecting onions.

Bijou Theatre.

Dr. Rowe and the Mystic Mora, who are meeting with such success at the above cinematograph, are giving a special matinee tomorrow afternoon. Prizes will be given to all children attending, while two special prizes are to be offered for competitors in the indian basket trick for boys and Ikipping for girls.

Failure to Notify.

In the case of a man from Shaukiwan, who was charged before Mr. C. D. Melbourne at the Police Court to-day with failing to notify a case of small-pox, it was stated by Dr. Woodman that he went into the shop and saw a man sitting there with three-weeks'-old small-pox marks all over his face. Defendant was fined $25.

Pugilists.

Two Chinese appeared before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Police Court this morning, charged with fighting. One of them had a very much discoloured eye, and both seemed as if they had fought bitterly. It was stated that one of the men went into a shop and said to the other defendant, who was an assistant, that he usually had credit given him. This led to a discussion, and afterwards blows were exchanged. An Indian constable saw the men and promptly arrested them. His Worship fined the antagonists $5 each.

HONGKONG RIVER BOAT SUNK.

S. S. Licorne Capsized Near Wuchow.

It is reported that the Licorne, a well-known small river boat, which is owned by Chinese, capsized on Sunday morning, at her anchorage near the second bar outside Wuchow.

Outward bound from Hongkong, she was carrying a valuable cargo of silk and dried fish, and when the bulk of this was unloaded, it is stated that the Chinese skipper and the compradore proceeded to Wuchow. The coolies who were left in charge of the boat then elected to deal with the remainder of the cargo themselves, so it is alleged. They brought it all up on to the main deck, ready to be placed in the attendant lighters, without taking into account the fact that all the weight was placed on one side, thus giving the boat a very heavy list. A strong northerly wind was blowing at the time, and the anchored ship sheered in every direction. Each time that she took a little run and was brought up suddenly by her cable, she listed a little more—a fact which the coolies do not appear to have realised at all; and, before they knew where they were, the Licorne had capsized.

The vessel, we understand, lies right athwart the river, and no great hopes of getting her up seem to be entertained. Her sister ship, the Cerf, has, however, gone to her assistance.

PUBLICATIONS RECEIVED.

An Interesting Reference Work.

"The West River Survey of 1915." Canton, 1916. The China Baptist Publication Society.

It is impossible within a small space to do full justice to the exhaustive and distinctly engrossing Report just issued by the Board of Conservancy Works of Kwangtung. It is a well-printed and well-arranged volume, of over a hundred quarto pages; it contains some valuable photographs illustrating the ravages that have been made in the various parts of the Delta, and it is prefaced by some pointed remarks by Admiral Tan Hsie-heng, Director General of the Board.

One does not look for romance in such a Report, and yet there is a good deal in it that misses but little of the romantic. Captain G. W. Olivecrona, who is responsible both for the survey and for the Report itself, is to be heartily congratulated on his very useful task, as well as on his happy method of detailing that task. The West River, with its ever-recurring floods, has been a thorn in the flesh to the Chinese of the Kwang Provinces from time immemorial, and Captain Olivecrona's investigations show that it is possible to put an end, or something like an end, to such disastrous events. The conclusion to which his researches have led him is that the desired aim can be attained "by confining the floods within the limit of the present dyke-systems, provided these are partly re-constructed, generally improved, and properly maintained to a sufficient elevation," and he adds that, after this work of re-construction, "the supervisory powers should be withdrawn from the local dyke committee and entrusted to a central supervising organisation."

Captain Olivecrona holds out no false hopes as to an immediate or inexpensive remedy. Six years of preliminary work are required, he says, the cost of which he estimates at $11,369,000; and this represents only about a third, both in time and in cost. At a rough guess he sets down $34,000,000 as the probable entire outlay. The Report is one which should be carefully studied, and filed for reference.

"The Hongkong Catholic Directory."

We have received from the publishers—St. Lewis' Industrial School—"The Hongkong Catholic Directory" for 1917. The little book contains the ecclesiastical Calendar, together with complete information as to times of service etc. at all the Catholic churches of the Colony; special episcopal regulations in force in this diocese, and full particulars of all the local guilds, confraternities etc. A useful additional feature is a directory of the clergy of the diocese, in English and Chinese. It should be added that the printing offers a splendid example of the good work that is being done at St. Lewis'.

"The Yellow Dragon."

The current number of the *Yellow Dragon* is, we the think, the best Queen's College effort in this line that we have seen; fuller, more readable and containing more of the right stuff than any of its predecessors that we can call to mind. It is highly satisfactory to note that the pupils themselves are now taking a big share in the output of their magazine. One such share is borne by L. A. Wong, whose contribution: "A letter from a *New Bridegroom*" is particularly good. Another useful contribution is "A Fool Celebrating the Birthday of his Father-in-Law", by Lam Wan-po, who by the way also offers some good verses. "The Silly Weaver Girl," by Mohammed Aslam Khan, is a diverting story, very well told; so, too, is "Niu Chi Ting", by W. Y. Thomas. The portions of the magazine provided by foreigners are all good: especially so "The Pierhead Jumper," "History Repeats Itself" and "The Swan-Song of William Gallows." The last-named is remarkably neat and we regret that it has to chronicle the severance of Mr. Gallows from the scenes of his former triumphs.

SMALL-POX CASE.

Body Dumped in a Rickshaw.

A rickshaw coolie was made the victim of a dumping scheme by a Chinese who wanted to get rid of a dead body this morning. The driver was engaged by a man who got into his rickshaw with a fairly large basket, and he was told to proceed to the Sincere Company's shop. On arrival here, the fare went inside the building, leaving the basket in the rickshaw and indicating to the driver to wait. The driver might have been waiting now for all that the man intended coming back, but, becoming tired, he first searched the shop in vain and then went to the Central Police Station with the rickshaw and the despised basket. The basket was found to contain the body of a person having died from small-pox, and the disconsolate coolie was sent to the disinfecting station to get his vehicle cleansed. The man could hardly be said to have had a profitable morning.

FILIPINOS' QUARREL.

Trouble at a Kowloon Club.

Mr. Leo d'Almada appeared at the Police Court this morning in a case in which a man named Bernadi Solir, pianist at the Hongkong Hotel, is summoned by T. Dillera, of 7, Salisbury Avenue, Kowloon, for assault.

Mr. D'Almada asked for a remand, saying that another man named Dalgaro, who, it was alleged, actually struck the blow, had left the Colony and had gone to Manila. The alleged assault took place at the Filipino Club at Kowloon, where the complainant is employed as a cook.

The case was adjourned until Monday next.

"Lloyd's Register of Shipping Report."

Lloyd's Annual Report, recently to hand, deals systematically and usefully with the present condition of the world's shipping, and it has, needless to say, a special interest this year in view of the unusual conditions governing the maritime situation. It has information to offer on all classes of marine matters that come within the period 1915-6, and it gives a list of the new Committee of Management.

A FORTHCOMING PUBLICATION.

"Encyclopaedia Sinica", by Samuel Couling, M.A. (Edin.). Hongkong Kelly and Walsh. 450-500pp. $12. net.

"In the early summer, Messrs. Kelly and Walsh, Ltd., will issue the "Encyclopaedia Sinica", which is now in course of compilation by Mr. S. Couling, formerly Hon. Secretary and Editor to the North China branch of the Royal Asiatic Society.

To judge from the specimen sheets which have been sent to us, the new book should achieve an immense popularity, for what it has to say is what every European in this part of the world, and in many others, wants to know. Life is too short and to full to allow of the average man's diving into the wealth of literature that concerns China and China's affairs. If the diving can be done for him by some qualified person, he will gladly avail himself of the results. In this case the diving has evidently been carried out with the care which attends all labours of love. The book will contain some three thousand references: historical, religious, philosophical, geographical etc. will include much information on the subject of missionary, literary and commercial work in China. The specimen pages are beautifully produced, in large quarto, two columns to the page: and the volume promises to be one which no one who is concerned with matters Chinese can afford to be without.

VOLUNTEER RESERVE ORDERS.

Order No. 3, issued to-day by Major Wakeman, Commanding H.K.V.R., state:—

Detail.

On duty from the morning of Sunday the 14th January to the morning of Sunday the 21st January. "A" Co. H.K.V.R. Orderly Officer. Lieut. J. Owen Hughes. Next for duty, H.K.V.C.

Parades.

Sunday, 14th instant:—The following members of "A" and "B" Cos. will attend at King's Park Range at 10 a.m. for musketry (Dress: Drill order):—Sergt. A. Charlton, Lce. Cpl. F. C. Goodman, Ptes. D. E. Donnelly A. J. J. Brock, C. Severn, W. Dickson F. A. Coleman, D. V. Scavenson, S. R. Jones, A. R. Lowe, H.R.G. Elson, P. H. Rolfe.

Monday, 15th instant:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lce.-Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Tuesday, 16th instant:—"A" and "B" Cos, on the road outside the Law Courts at 4.45 p.m. Kowloon and Taikoo Sections on the Polo Ground at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Semaphore Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lce.-Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Wednesday, 17th instant:—Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order.

Thursday, 18th instant. Recruits on the Cricket Ground at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Oxberry. Dress: Drill order. Machine Gun Section at Wellington Barracks at 5 p.m. under Instructor Sergt. Bowles. Dress: Clean fatigue. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Signalling Section at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lce. Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Friday, 19th instant:—"A" and "B" Cos. on the road outside the Law Courts at 4.45 p.m. Kowloon and Taikoo Section on the Polo Ground at 5 p.m. Dress: Drill order. Semaphore Class at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.15 p.m. under Signalling Instructor Lce Cpl. G. Lloyd. Dress: Clean fatigue.

Strength.

No. 564 Pte. A. Nissim is permitted to resign.

No. 632 Pte. D.A.G. Alison having joined is allotted Corps No. 632 and posted to Coy. B Platoon No. VII Section 11.

Lecture.

A lecture will be given by Lieut. Colonel A. V. Alexander, 74th Punjabis, at Volunteer Headquarters on Wednesday the 17th inst. at 5.15 p.m. Subject:—"Reconnaissance and Patrols." All ranks are invited. Officers and N. C. O.s are particularly requested to attend.

BANK DIVIDEND.

Distribution of H. K. & S. Bank Profits.

We are officially authorised to state that, subject to audit, the Directors of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation will recommend at the forthcoming meeting:—

A final dividend for the year ending 31st December, 1916, of £2 3/- per share and a bonus of ten shillings per share, subject to deduction of Income Tax.

Add to the Silver Reserve Fund $500,000.

Write off Bank Premises $750,000.

Provision for depreciation of Securities $600,000.

And carry forward about $1½ lakhs.

THE SUMMARY COURT.

A Long List of Cases.

The list at the Summary Court this morning, before Sir William Rees Davies, was extraordinarily big, and the Court was full of solicitors present to get dates fixed for the hearing of their cases in anticipation of Chinese New Year.

For Provisions.

The case was heard in which K. Fook Kee claims the sum of $115.96 from W. Cooper. Mr. R. J. Grist appeared for the plaintiff, and his client, in the box, said that the money was the balance due for provisions he had supplied to defendant which he had never paid. Defendant had not paid anything on account. Defendant was not present, and his Lordship gave judgment for plaintiff.

Architect's Claim.

Mr. Grist appeared for plaintiff in the case in which F. Endel Rosser, architect, sued Li Po-ling for the sum of $660, the balance of fees due for professional services. A day for hearing was applied for and fixed.

For Money Lent.

Captain Stewart claimed from A. G. Pile the sum of $150, being money lent. Mr. Faithfull appeared for plaintiff, and said that the case was in course of settlement. He thought that a satisfactory arrangement to both sides would be come to. The case was adjourned *sine die*.

A Deserting Amah.

Chi Ah-sun, an amah, claimed from A. W. Hurlow the sum of $10, being wages alleged to be due. Plaintiff did not appear. In answer to his Lordship, defendant explained that he engaged the woman to work for him and when she had put in two days at her job she left him absolutely on her own accord. He did not know why she had left, and he did not owe her anything. His Lordship remarked that as plaintiff was not present the case would be struck out.

Defendant in Gaol.

The Hongkong Land Investment and Agency Company claimed $64 from F. C. Castlemain, for rent due. Mr. Mattingley was present in the interests of the Company, and said defendant was now in gaol under a charge of false pretences. The case was adjourned in order that defendant might be given an opportunity of being present.

Other Cases.

A case was mentioned in which J. J. Lysaught claimed from Lai Kam the sum of $1,000, being money lent. Coupled with the same case was also that in which C. F. Starkey claimed a similar amount. Plaintiffs in both cases are represented by Mr. Otto Kong Sing and Mr. Gardiner is for the defence.

Mr. Grist mentioned that the case in which Haskell and Son claimed from the Shum Shin Long for the sum of $980.75 was in course of settlement. The claim was for balance due for breach of contract. A day was fixed for hearing.

A day was fixed for hearing in the case in which Messrs. Holmes and Haywood are claiming the sum of $254.60 from the Ho Pik-ting as balance due for professional services rendered. Mr. Gardiner appeared for plaintiffs.

When another case was called the defendant in the action put in an appearance and when told that the case had been put back for a week he asked whether the other side had engaged a solicitor. His Lordship informed the man that they had, and the latter asked for his name. His Lordship laughingly said:—His name is Mr. Farebrother Mason, and he is appearing for plaintiff.

"These people are Chinese parties," said Mr. Grist when mentioning a case, "and they do not seem as though they want to come up. There is always this difficulty at Chinese New Year."

Mr. Mason said, in another case, that his clients were at Canton and he did not think that he would be able to get them in Hongkong by Monday for the case. Mr. Gardiner, who was appearing for the other side, humourously remarked that he did not suppose they would be down here by next year, either.

$10 Worth of Talking.

After the list had been completed, a case was heard in which a Chinese sued another for the sum of $20, being money lent. The claim was for the principal. Mr. Faithfull appeared for plaintiff, who said that at the time he lent the money he was not a registered money-lender, though he was now, and he advanced it purely out of friendship, as defendant was a fellow compositor with him, and his wife had been ill. He lent him $20 and received a promissory note for same. Defendant said that in 1914 he borrowed $10 from plaintiff, but was asked to sign a promissory note for $20, and he did so. He had paid $5 interest.

His Lordship:—If you signed a promissory note for $20 when you only received $10, you are a fool and you deserve to bear the consequences of such a foolish action. Judgment will be given for plaintiff with costs.

Mr. Faithfull was asked what his costs were and he said $10.

His Lordship:—That is rather a lot, isn't it?

Mr. Faithfull:—I shall have to pay the Registrar $2.50, and although I admit it does seem rather a lot on such a small amount as $20, yet I have been here twenty minutes and have done as much talking for the $20 as I should have done for $200.

His Lordship remarked that he would see the Registrar and let them know what the costs would be later.

HONGKONG MAILS LOST.

Either Captured or Sunk.

The Post Office issue the following notification:—

The mail dispatched from London for Hongkong, via Siberia, on the 16th November, is reported by the London Post Office to have been either captured or sunk. The mail consisted of three bags containing ordinary correspondence and ninety registered articles, and any further information received concerning it will be published in the Mail Notice.

POLICE RESERVE ORDERS.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, D. S. P. (Reserve), state:—

Police School.

The following new Classes are ordered:—

Class I (Inspector Gerrard)—Composed of whole of Mounted Police and of eight men to be detailed from Nos. 1 and 2 Sections by Section Commanders. Crown Sergeant Ford and Sergeant Scull will also attend.

Class II (Inspector Gordon)—32 P. C.s. detailed from No. 2 Company (8 per Section).

Class. III (Inspector Grant)—32 P. C.s. detailed from No. 3 Company.

Members will attend at Headquarters' Club at 5.30 p.m. in uniform as follows:—Class I, Wednesday, January 17; Class II, Friday, January 19; Class III, Tuesday, January 16.

Examination—The old Class III (Crown Sergeants and Sergeants of No. 3 Company) will be examined by Mr. T. H. King, A.S.P., and Inspector Gerrard on Monday, January 15, at 5.30 p.m.

Musketry Course. Part I.

All members of No. 1 and 2 Platoon, the Mounted Police and Maxim Gunners are warned to fire on Sunday next, January 14.

No. 1 Company.

All ranks except recruits will parade under the O. C. Company at Central Station at 5.30 p.m. on Friday, January 19.

Band Practice.

Monday, January 15, and Thursday, January 18, at 6 p.m.

Orchestra Practice.

All members of the Orchestra will attend practice at the Club Lusitano at 6 p.m. on Monday, January 15.

CONSTANTINOPLE FOR RUSSIA.

Official Announcement by Russian Premier.

In a declaration which he read in the Duma, M. Trepoff, the Russian Premier, announced an agreement concluded last year between Russia, France and Great Britain (to which Italy had subsequently adhered), definitely establishing Russia's right to the Straits and Constantinople.

Petrograd, Dec. 2.—In announcing the conclusion of the Constantinople agreement in the Duma M. Trepoff said:—

"For more than a thousand years Russia has stretched out southward towards a free outlet on an open sea. The keys of the Bosphorus and the Dardanelles—Oleg's shield over the gate of Constantinople—these have been the age-long dreams cherished in the hearts of the Russian people all through the different periods of its existence.

"Well, those aspirations are ready for realisation. From the very commencement of the war, wishing to spare human lives and acting in accord with our Allies, we did our utmost to restrain Turkey from a mad participation in the hostilities. France, Great Britain and Russia made no effort to get Turkey to enter to the war. They only urged her that in her own interests she should remain neutral.

"At the same time Turkey was given formal assurances and promises; guaranteeing her integrity of her territory, and her independence, and conferring upon her certain privileges and advantages.

"But these efforts were in vain, and, blinded by the deceptive promises of the Germans, Turkey attacked us surreptitiously—and thus sealed her doom.

"The vital interests of Russia are as well understood by our loyal Allies as by ourselves, and that is why an agreement—which we concluded in 1915 with Great Britain and France, and to which Italy has adhered—established in the most definitive fashion the right of Russia to the Straits and to Constantinople.

"The Russian people should know for what they are shedding their blood, and, in accord with our Allies, the announcement of this agreement is made to-day from this tribune. I repeat that absolute agreement on this point is firmly established among the Allies, and there is no doubt that after she has obtained sovereign possession of a free passage into the Mediterranean, Russia will grant freedom of navigation for the Rumanian flag which now, not for the first time, floats in battle side by side with the flag of Russia."

The Premier's announcement was received with prolonged applause.

In the first part of his speech M. Trepoff repeated the declaration, on behalf of the Government, that the war would be carried on to the end until complete victory is attained.

More than once (he said) it has been announced that there will never be a premature or a separate peace. Nothing can change that resolution, which is the inflexible will of the august Russian Sovereign, who stands with the whole of his faithful people.

Russia will never lay down her arms before complete victory has been attained. The whole world must know once more that, whatever difficulties and whatever temporary checks are encountered, Russia—great Russia—with her valiant Allies—will mobilise the last man and will sacrifice all her patrimony. But the war will be carried on to a decisive end, until the German yoke and German violence have for ever disappeared.—Reuter.

M. Trepoff's reference to the "Shield of Oleg" concerns the Russian prince of that name, who, in the ninth century, much extended Russia's boundaries and removed the capital to Kieff, and later (in 906) conducted a victorious expedition against Constantinople.

Treaty of April 1915.

The existence of the Treaty to which the Russian Prime Minister referred, has long been known, and it has on occasion been referred to in the Press.

It was concluded in April 1915, about the time of the first landing in force on the Gallipoli Peninsula, and must have been the outcome of negotiations relating to the inception of that campaign.

In March last M. Miliuk ff, the Liberal leader, referred to this treaty, and declared that Russia would not end the war without "this outlet to the sea."

"The annexation of the Straits," he said, "will not be a territorial aggression, for Russia, with its vastness, has no need of fresh territories, but she cannot prosper without an open sea. The German plans are clear, for a victory for Germany would create in Europe a Central Empire which would extend beyond the Straits, paving a broad way to the East through Turkey. Germany's geographic ideal is Berlin to Bagdad. From the moment we are conscious of these German plans there is no choice. The Straits must not become German."

ON THE WEST RIVER.

Canton Dredgers at Work.

Reports from the West River show that the water at Wuchow is now some eight or nine degrees above zero.

We hear that various shipping companies have agreed among themselves to have the Wuchow bar dredged, and proceedings have begun by the engaging of sixteen Canton hand-dredgers. All told, the position appears to be rather ludicrous, for these dredgers discharge into junks, which are supposed to deposit the mud and sand at a safe distance. The junkmen get paid so much a full load; consequently their practice is to deposit half a load; come back with the other half still on board; fill up again; deposit another half-load, and so on—of course taking payment for a full load each time!

NOT BEYOND HOPE.

Those who have suffered year after year with Rheumatism will be glad to hear of a remedy that has proved an absolute specific. There are no conditions of Rheumatism, no matter how severe, nor from what cause, that cannot immediately be relieved, and permanently cured by LITTLE'S ORIENTAL BALM. People who have tried a hundred remedies, liniments, and doctors are apt to be resigned to their fate. They come to believe that there is no such thing as a cure for Rheumatism. They have been disappointed so many times that another trial seems almost useless. To all such we say, try LITTLE'S ORIENTAL BALM faithfully and patiently, and you will soon rejoice at the return of your precious health. Many a person was cured through LITTLE'S ORIENTAL BALM by the use of a single bottle, others have used from 3 to 6 bottles to obtain the same result. In only very rare and exceedingly obstinate cases were more than 6 bottles necessary. Sold at Re. 1 per bottle. Of all Chemists and Patent Medicine Vendors throughout India.

Agents for Hongkong,
Messrs. A. S. WATSON & Co., Ltd.

DAIRY FARM NEWS.

POULTRY.

OUR

HOUSE FED CAPONS

AND

CHICKENS

ARE THE BEST IN THE EAST.

TENDER EATING, DELICATE FLAVOUR—TRY THEM.

CHAMPAGNE SENNEVAL.

"CONNOISSEURS' CHOICE."

This wine is well bodied, delicate, delicious and unquestionably the finest Champagne. It is equal to the high priced Champagnes now on the market.

Sold by:

The WING ON Company Ltd.

SAKURA BEER

SOLE AGENTS:

SUZUKI & CO.

TEL. 468

ALEXANDRA BUILDING.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that the business heretofore carried on in Hongkong, Foochow, and elsewhere, under the style of GILMAN & CO. has been converted into a private Company with limited liability; and will henceforth, and as from the 1st January, 1917, be carried on as before, and at the same places under the style of GILMAN & CO., LTD.

All contracts entered into by the firm of Gilman & Co. will be carried out by Gilman & Co., Ltd., to which Company all debts due to the firm of Gilman & Co. are payable, and by which all debts due from that firm will be paid.

Mr. W. L. Pattenden, a Director of Gilman & Co., Ltd. will continue in the management of the business in Hongkong, with the assistance of the staff of the late firm.

Dated this 11th day of January, 1917.

CHOOSE

JAEGER

FINE PURE WOOL

UNDERWEAR.

ALL WEIGHTS | REPLACED IF SPOILED BY SHRINKAGE | ALL SIZES

MACKINTOSH

& CO., LTD.

Men's Wear Specialists,

16, DES VŒUX ROAD. TELEPHONE NO. 29.

Wm. Powell Ltd

TELEPHONE 746

NOW SHOWING

WARM **WINTER** COMFORTS

IN GREAT VARIETIES.

INCLUDING:—

HEAVY FLANNEL **SHIRTS AND PYJAMAS.**

UNDERWEAR IN ALL WEIGHTS AND SIZES.

OVERCOATS, DRESSING-GOWNS, GLOVES, WAISTCOATS, etc. SWEATERS IN WHITE & COLOURS.

"REMEMBER"

WE GUARANTEE EVERY GARMENT WE SELL.

A "COLUMBIA" GRAFONOLA MAKES AN IDEAL GIFT.

LATEST IMPROVED MODELS JUST RECEIVED.

THEY WILL PLAY ALL STANDARD RECORDS.

WE CORDIALY INVITE COMPARSION

THEANDERSON MUSIC COY. LTD.

6, DES VŒUX ROAD TEL. 1322.

CLIFFORD WILKINSON'S TANSAN

IN FULL SWING

THE ONE AND ONLY MEDICINAL WATER FOR ATHLETES

SOLE AGENTS:—

CANDE, PRICE & CO., LTD.,

TEL. NO. 135. 6, Queen's Road, Central, Hongkong.

SHIPPING

P.&O.S.N.Co.

ROYAL MAIL SERVICE.

WILL despatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on or about the DATES named:—

For	Steamers	To Sail On	Remarks
LONDON & Bombay via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Port Said and Marseilles			Connecting at Colombo with Australian Mail Steamer.
SHANGHAI, Moji and Kobe			Direct Service.
SHANGHAI, Moji, Kobe and Yokohama			Direct Service.
LONDON via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Port Said and Marseilles			Direct Service.

WIRELESS ON ALL STEAMERS. Return tickets at a fare-and-a-half available to Europe for two years, or Intermediate Ports for six months. Round the-world and through tickets to New York, at Special Rates.

For PASSAGE RATES, HAND-BOOKS, FREIGHTS, Dates of Sailings etc. apply to

E. V. D. Parr.
Superintendent.

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s office,
Hongkong, Jan. 2, 1917.

CANADIAN PACIFIC

OCEAN SERVICES LIMITED

TRANS PACIFIC LINES

QUICKEST TIME ACROSS THE PACIFIC

To Canada, United States and Europe via Vancouver

In connection with the Canadian Pacific Railway.

Hong Kong to Vancouver 17 days. Hong Kong to Montreal 22 days
Hong Kong to Chicago 21 days. Hong Kong to New York 22½ days

83,625 tons Displacement, Quadruple Screws, Speed 21 Knots.

Largest and most Luxurious ships on the Pacific.

SAILINGS FROM HONG KONG (subject to change) SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG

Calling at Shanghai, Nagasaki (Inland Sea), Kobe and Yokohama.
Montcalm calls Moji instead of Nagasaki.

Through Bills of Lading issued via Vancouver in connection with Canadian Pacific Ry. to all Overland Points in Canada and the United States, also to Pacific Coast Points, European ports and West Indies.

For Further information as to rates of Freight and Passage, Sailing Lists, etc. please apply to

P. O. SUTHERLAND,
General Agent, Passenger Department,
Hong Kong.

J. H. WALLACE,
General Agent,
Hong Kong.

BRITISH INDIA S. N. CO., LTD.

APCAR LINE.

Regular Service Between

CALCUTTA, STRAITS, SHANGHAI and JAPAN PORTS.

EASTWARD.

WESTWARD.

The above steamers have excellent saloon accommodation for passengers and are fitted with all modern conveniences and carry a duly qualified surgeon.

For freight or passage, apply to

DAVID SASSOON & CO., LTD.,
Agents.

Hongkong, Jan. 2, 1917.

"ELLERMAN" LINE.

(ELLERMAN & BUCKNALL STEAMSHIP CO., LTD.)

JAPAN, CHINA & STRAITS
TO
UNITED KINGDOM AND CONTINENT.

For particulars of sailings shippers are requested to approach the undersigned.

Steamers proceed via Cape of Good Hope.
Subject to change without notice.

THE BANK LINE, LTD.,
General Agents,

or to REISS & Co. Canton
Hongkong, 2 Jan., 1917

BRITISH INDIA S. N. CO., LTD.

NEW SERVICE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN
Yokohama, Kobe, Hongkong and Rangoon.

Steamers are despatched Eastward and Westward at regular intervals, taking Passengers and Cargo at current Rates.

For Freight and Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.
Agents.

Telephone No. 215.

SHIPPING

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.

Projected Sailings from Hongkong—
Subject to Alteration

Destination.	Steamers.	Sailing Date
L'DON via Singapore, Malacca, Penang, Colombo, Delagoa Bay, Cape Town, Tenerrife		
VICTORIA, B.C. and SEATTLE via Shanghai, Moji, Kobe, Nagoya & Yokohama		
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE, via Manila, Thursday Island, Townsville and Brisbane.....		
C'CUTTA via S'pore, P'ang & Rangoon.		
BOMBAY via S'pore, Malacca & C'bo...		
SHANGHAI, Moji and Kobe		
SHANGHAI, Kobe and Yokohama ...		
NAGASAKI, Kobe and Yokohama ...		

EASTBOUND NEW YORK LINE VIA PANAMA CANAL.
(CARGO ONLY).

NEW YORK via Manila, San Francisco, Panama and Colon.....		

§ Wireless Telegraphy.
Telephone Nos. 292 & 293.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.
B. MORI, Manager.

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE

VIA SHANGHAI, THE INLAND SEA, JAPAN & HONOLULU.

Sailings from Hongkong—Subject to change without notice.

Steamer.	Displacement Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong

1st class to London G$348. (£71.10.0), return G$696. (£138).
" to San Francisco G$250. return G$437.50.
* Cargo only. † Proceeding to South America Ports.
*For this voyage the Persia Maru will call at Honolulu.
Special Rates given to NAVAL & MILITARY, CIVIL SERVANTS, MISSIONARIES etc.
ROUND THE WORLD Tickets issued in Connection with all the Principal Mail lines and the Trans-Siberian Railway.
Passengers may travel by Railway between ports of call in Japan free of charge.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

Via JAPAN PORTS, SAN FRANCISCO, HONOLULU, ILOILO, LOS ANGELOS, SALINA CRUZ PANAMA, CALLAO, IQUIQUE and VALPARAISO, THENCE BY TRANSANDEAN ROUTE TO BUENOS AIRES, ETC.

Steamer	Tons & Speed	Leave Hongkong

For Full Particulars as to Passage & Freight, apply to

T. DAICO, Agent.
Telephone No. 291. KING'S BUILDINGS.

JAVA PACIFIC LINE

OF THE
JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Monthly Service between
NETH. INDIA, MANILA, HONGKONG AND SAN FRANCISCO.
Next sailings for SAN FRANCISCO via NAGASAKI.
Subject to change without Notice.

ALL STEAMERS FITTED WITH WIRELESS TELEGRAPHY.
The steamers have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers and carry a duly qualified surgeon.
Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading to all Overland Points in the United States of America and Canada.
For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to:—

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
Hongkong, York Buildings. Managing Agents.

CHINA MAIL S.S. CO. LTD.

FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS.

WILL SAIL FROM HONGKONG FOR

SAN FRANCISCO

VIA SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOKE, YOKOHAMA & HONOLULU, TO SAN FRANCISCO.

AN UNSURPASSED HIGH CLASS PASSENGER SERVICE AT INTERMEDIATE RATES.

O. H. RITTER, Freight and Passenger Agent,
Prince's Buildings, Ice House Street

THE ROYAL MAIL STEAM PACKET COMPANY.

—:(o):—

Owners of The "SHIRE" Line of Steamers.

FOR SAILINGS TO AND FROM THE UNITED KINGDOM AND INTERMEDIATE PORTS.

Please Apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.
Agents.

Telephone No. 215, Sub. Ex. No. 10.

SHIPPING

C. N. C.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers.	To Sail.

DIRECT SAILINGS TO WEST RIVER. Twice Weekly.
S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "ANSUL"

MANILA LINE.—Twin Screw Steamers "——," "——," and "——." Excellent saloon accommodation amidships; electric fans fitted; extra staterooms on deck aft on "——" & "——."

SHANGHAI LINE—PASSENGERS, MAILS AND CARGO.

S.S. "——," "——," "——," "——," "——," "——," and "——," with excellent accommodation, electric light and fans in Saloon and State-rooms, maintain a regular schedule service between Canton, Hongkong and Shanghai, leaving Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Tuesday, Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtsze and Northern China Ports. Passengers are landed in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

For Freight or Passages apply to

BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Telephone No. 36.
Hongkong Jan. 2, 1917.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between
JAVA CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	Will leave on or about	For

"All steamers fitted with Wireless Telegraphy."

"The steamers are all fitted throughout with electric light and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon-passengers. All steamers carry a duly qualified surgeon. Cargo taken at through rates to all ports in Netherlands-India and Australia."

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.
York Building.

Telephone No. 1574. 115

THE EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN STEAMSHIP CO., LIMITED.

MAIL SERVICE TO AUSTRALIA.

(SUBJECT TO ALTERATION WITHOUT NOTICE.)

Steamer.	Arrive Hongkong from Australia.	Leave Hongkong for Australia.

The above Steamers are fitted with Refrigerating Machinery, ensuring a plentiful supply of Ice, Fresh Provisions, etc., and are lighted throughout with Electricity. All State-Rooms have Electric Fans. A duly qualified Doctor and Stewardess are carried.

All Steamers Fitted with Wireless Telegraphy.

For further particulars, apply to

Gibb, Livingston & Co.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO., LD.

HONGKONG & SOUTH CHINA COAST PORT SERVICE.

Regular Service of Fast, High Class Coast Steamers having good accommodation for first Class Passengers, Electric Light and Fans in state-rooms and Saloon and Excellent Cuisine.

FOR SWATOW, AMOY AND FOOCHOW AND RETURN.
(Occupying 8 to 10 days.)

Steamships.	Captain		Leaving.
Haiching	W. C. Passmore	FRL.	12th Jan. at 11 a.m.
Haitan.....	A. E. Hodgins...	FRL.	19th Jan. at 11 a.m.

Arrivals and Departures from the Company's Wharf (near Blake Pier).

For Freight and Passage, apply to

Douglas Lapraik & Co.,
General Managers.

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CALCUTTA LINE:—Three sailings per month from Hongkong to Calcutta calling at Singapore and Penang. Returning from Calcutta steamers proceed to Kobe and Moji, frequently calling at Shanghai.
These steamers have excellent passenger accommodation, are fitted with electric light and carry a fully qualified Surgeon.

SHANGHAI LINE:—Sailings approximately every five days between Canton and Shanghai, sometimes calling at Swatow.
Steamers on this line have a limited amount of passenger accommodation, and through tickets can be obtained for Northern and Yangtsze Ports via Shanghai. Through Bs/Lading are issued to all Northern and Yangtsze Ports.

MANILA LINE:—A weekly service is maintained with Manila by vessels with good passenger accommodation, sailings from both ports every Saturday.

HAIPHONG LINE:—Sailings approximately weekly for passengers and cargo, calling at Haihow when inducement offers.

BORNEO LINE:—Two sailings per month between Hongkong and Sandakan by steamers having up to-date accommodation for passengers.
Cargo taken on through Bills of Lading for Kudat, Jesselton, Labuan, Tawao and Lahad Datu.

TIENTSIN LINE:—A regular service is run, from March to October, between Hongkong and Tientsin, calling at Weihaiwei and Chefoo.

For sailing dates and further particulars regarding Passage or Freight apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.
General Managers.

Telephone No. 215.

COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Manchester Goods.

London, Dec 6.—There has been a substantial ease in values, American spot coming down at Liverpool to 11.91. There is much inquiry for piece goods at Manchester, and manufacturers declare that it is most disappointing to have to send offers back for increment. Recent report have suggested that both in the India and China markets there have waves of speculative buying, and one wonders why the holders there should let the speculators gain the advantages of the appreciation; particular reports show that the disparity between selling prices and costs is far greater than it should be. Messrs. Robert Barbour, & Co. Ltd., write in their monthly Market Report: Cotton, which started with an advance of 44 points, has continued to surpass the expectations of even its most ardent supporters. Middling American, which during the last week before the war had stood at 7.37, and less than two years ago in December, 1914, dropped to 4.35, has during the month not only reached the long-talked of shilling, but soared more than a halfpenny beyond. From 11.03 on the 2nd to 12.59 on the 29th, a difference of over 1½ was as sufficiently disconcerting shiftage within three weeks, but quite a mild sensation alongside the rise in Egyptian of 2½ in the first week and a further 2½ during the next fortnight, bringing the prices to 22.75 or 5d. per lb. dearer in three weeks. The striking prices on the 20th for American futures showed probably the biggest rise in a week on record, with an advance of 1(8½ to 11½ points, while Egyptian had gained 150 to 155. Business for the time was practically suspended. That demand for the manufactured article was able to triumph over such distractions, especially having regard to violent intervening fluctuations and that the month's turnover was a substantial one, were tributes to its instence, ascribed by many to such conditions having been brought about in oversea market after two years of war that practically the price, demanded had to be submitted to, to secure the needed supplies. For China bleaching cloths came to business with less difficulty than greys, apart from some special sales of a well-known Preston make. Singapore and some outlets were responsible for a miscellaneous turnover in sorting up lots. In the Liverpool Cotton market fluctuations have been numerous and wide, ranging from 11.03d. to 12.59d, closing at 12.11d Today's futures, Nov.-Dec., 12.09d.; March-April, 12.31d; Egyptian Fully Good Fair Brown, 20.75d.; Brazils, 12.82d.; East Indian, 10.9d. In Goods quite a large turnover has resulted at very full rates We quoted Medium China 16 by 15½ lb, 8½ lb. 12s. 6d. In Yarns the position is a very strong one. American quotations are about 2d., and Egyptian anything from 4d. to 8d. according to class dearer on the month.

Evaporated Salt.

Salt is produced in America by evaporation,—but quite a different sort of evaporation from that to be seen along the seacoast of China. America is independent of all other countries so far as that indispensable commodity is concerned and the 38,731,496 barrels of salt produced in 1915 by the States, Porto Rico, and Hawaii constituted 99 per cent. of the salt consumed in the United States, and much more could easily have been supplied had the demand required it, according to the United States Geological Survey Department of the Interior. Salt occurs naturally in two distinct ways—as rock salt, in beds or associated with bedded or sedimentary deposits, and in natural brines. The larger part of America's salt is obtained by converting rock salt that lies deep below the earth's surface into artificial brines, which are pumped to the surface and there evaporated. Some idea of the quantity of salt evaporated from natural brines may be gained from statistics of the output of New York, Michigan and Kansas alone, three large salt-producing States, for the calendar year 1915. In Michigan evaporated salt to the value of G.$ 625,568 was produced, in New York $1,701,434 worth, and in Kansas $695,060 worth.

"For a good solid Tiffin" in Curio or Table d'Hote, with Wines & Liquors of the Best, ALEXANDRA CAFE.

SHIPPING.

KONINKLYKE PAKETVAART MAATSCHAPPY.

ROYAL PACKET NAVIGATION CO.

This vessel plies regularly between HONGKONG & BELAWAN DELI (Sumatra) via Swatow.

Next Sailings from Hongkong:

This vessel has excellent saloon accommodation for a limited number of passengers, is fitted with all modern conveniences and carries a duly qualified surgeon.

For freight and passage apply to:—

York Building. Tel. 1574. JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Hongkong, 30th Dec., 1916. Agents.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO.

U. S. MAIL LINE.

Operating the new First Class Steamers

Hongkong to San Francisco,
via Shanghai, Kobe, Yokohama and HONOLULU.

THE SUNSHINE BELT.

The most Comfortable Route to America and Europe.

Sailings from Hongkong.

These steamers have the most modern equipment including ALL LOWER BERTHS and Large Comfortable Staterooms (all single and two berths only).

The Safety and Comfort of Passengers is our First Consideration.

Ticket are interchangeable with the Toyo Kisen Kaisha and the Canadian Pacific Ocean Services, Ltd.

For further information, rates, literature, schedules etc., Apply to:— Company's Office in ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS,

Telephone No. 141. Chater Road.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO & WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., & CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.

Single Fare by Night Steamer ..... $ 6.00
Return Fare by Night (available also for return by day steamer) 11.00
Single Fare by Day Steamer 5.00
Return Fare by Day Steamer 9.00

HONGKONG TO CANTON. | CANTON TO HONGKONG.

FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1917.

10.00 p.m. Kinshan. | 5.00 p.m. Fatshan.

STAURDAY, 13th JANUARY, 1917.

8.00 a.m. Honam. | 8.00 a.m. Heungshan.
10.00 p.m. Heungshan. | 5.00 p.m. Kinshan.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. Taishan Tons 2,008. | S.S. Sui Tai Tons 1,651.

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sundays, at 9 a.m. and 1 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays at 7.30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 14th JANUARY, 1917.

The Company's Steamship

"TAISHAN"

Will depart from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf at a.m. and return from Macao at 3 p.m.

N.B.—The Company's will also run a Steamer from Macao on Sunday at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 1 p.m., from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

FARES AS USUAL.

MACAO-CANTON LINE.

SERVICE SUSPENDED.

JOINT SERVICE OF THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. SAINAM 588 Tons, and S.S. NANNING 569 Tons.

One of the above Steamer leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday, and Friday, at about 8 a.m.; and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days. Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct Steamers LINTAN and SANUI. These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

Booking Office open daily (Sundays excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the:—

HONGKONG, CANTON, & MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.

HOTEL MANSIONS (First Floor). Opposite the Blake Pier.

NOTICES.

WELLS FARGO & CO.

EXPRESS.

FORWARDERS TO ALL PARTS OF THE WORLD. SPECIAL ATTENTION GIVEN TO THE SHIPPING OF TOURISTS' BAGGAGE AND PURCHASES. TRAVELLERS' CHEQUES CASHED.

B. MONTEITH WEBB & CO., Representatives.

1a. Chater Road. 'Phone No. 1500.

AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY.

HEAD OFFICE ... NEW YORK.

Branches and Agencies in all parts of the commercial world.

BANKERS.
FORWARDERS.
TOURIST AGENTS.

AMERICAN EXPRESS TRAVELLERS CHEQUES—the best form in which to carry travel funds.

13. QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL, TEL. NO. 2089.

E. HING

WING WOO STREET

SHIP CHANDLERS & GENERAL STOREKEEPERS.
STEEL, IRON, BRASS & METAL MERCHANTS.
WHOLESALE & RETAIL IRONMONGERS.
TELEPHONE 1116.

THOS. COOK & SON.

Tourist, Steamship and Forwarding Agents, Bankers, etc.

OFFICIAL PASSENGER AGENTS TO THE PHILIPPINE GOVERNMENT

TICKETS SUPPLIED to ALL PARTS of the WORLD at Tariff Rates.

LETTERS of CREDIT and CIRCULAR NOTES ISSUED and CASHED.

BAGGAGE collected, forwarded and insured at lowest rates.

Cook's "FAR EASTERN TRAVELLER'S GAZETTE" containing Sailings and Fares from the Far East to all parts of the World will be forwarded free on application.

Telegraphic address "COUPON." THOS. COOK & SON,

Telephone No 624. 16, Des Voeux Road, HONGKONG,

also SHANGHAI, PEKING, YOKOHAMA, MANILA.

Chief Office—LUDGATE CIRCUS, LONDON, E.C.

NOTICES.

HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

AS already notified, this Company's Generating Plant is now carrying in the vicinity of the maximum load and no further installations can be made for the present. Consumers and Wiring Contractors are warned against the danger of making additions to existing installations and are reminded that under the Regulations for securing the Safety of the Public contained in the Schedule to the Electricity Supply Ordinance 1911 (as amended) "Any person making any addition to any electrical installation connected to the Company's main ..... shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding fifty Dollars for every such addition."

By Order of The Board,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 5th January, 1917.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

OLDERUP & SCHLUTER IN LIQUIDATION.

First Dividend of 20%.

CREDITORS of the above firm are hereby notified that a FIRST DIVIDEND of 20% on the amount of their claims will be paid on application to the Undersigned on and after THURSDAY the 1st of February, 1917.

W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.,
No. 16, Queen's Road, Central.
Liquidators.

NOTICES.

THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the THIRD ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on Monday 29th, January, 1917, at 11.45 a.m., for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY 29th January, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THE HONGKONG CENTRAL ESTATE LIMITED.
A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary to
THE GENERAL MANAGERS.
Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

HONGKONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

THE Committee has decided that the following shall be the settlement days for the year 1917.

Monday 29th January,
Friday 23rd February,
Thursday 29th March,
Friday 27th April,
Wednesday 30th May,
Thursday 28th June,
Friday 27th July,
Wednesday 29th August,
Thursday 27th September,
Monday 29th October,
Wednesday 28th November,
Friday 21st December.

By order of the Committee,
EDWARD M. RAYMOND,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong Stock Exchange.
Hongkong, 6th January, 1917.

NOTICES.

THE WEST POINT BUILDING CO., LTD.

NOTICE is hereby given that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY 29th January, 1917, at 11.30 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st. December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY 18th to MONDAY 29th January, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors

A. SHELTON HOOPER
Secretary to the
Hongkong Land Investment & Agency Co., Ltd.
General Agents for the
West Point Building Company, Limited.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

THE HONGKONG LAND RECLAMATION CO., LTD.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the SIXTEENTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., on MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, at 12.15 p.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY the 18th to MONDAY 29th January, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

MOWBRAY S. NORTHCOTE,
Secretary,

Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT & AGENCY COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the TWENTY-NINTH ORDINARY MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in this Company will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Company, Limited, on MONDAY 29th January, 1917, at Noon, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors together with the Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1916.

The REGISTER of SHARES of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, 18th to MONDAY, 29th January, 1917, (both days inclusive), during which period no Transfer of Shares can be Registered.

By Order of the Board of Directors.

A. SHELTON HOOPER,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 11th January, 1917.

CONSIGNEES

TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

ss. "SHINYO MARU," From SAN FRANCISCO, VIA HONOLULU, JAPAN PORTS and MANILA.

The above named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of Cargo from alongside.

Cargo remaining undelivered on 10th January, at noon, will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense, and delivery must then be taken from the Company's Godown. Storage charges will be assessed on all cargo remaining undelivered on 14th January, at 5 p.m.

No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected.

No Claim will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown.

All chafed and damaged cargo will be landed into the Company's Godown, where they will be examined on 17th January, 1917, at 10 a.m.

No Claims will be recognised if filed after the 18th January, 1917.

T. DAIGO,
Agent.

Hongkong, 8th January, 1917.

AMERICAN & MANCHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES,

FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship

"CITY OF MADRAS"

Captain WM. GRAY, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that they must produce an Import Permit signed by the Superintendent of Imports and Exports, Hongkong, before Bills of Lading can be countersigned.

All broken, chafed and damaged goods are to be left in the godowns, where they will be examined on TUESDAY, 16th inst., at 10 a.m.

All claims must be presented within FIFTEEN DAYS of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 17th inst. will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
Agents.

Hongkong, 10th January, 1917.

NOTICE.

ANNOUNCEMENT.

Messrs. MUSTARD & CO.'S OFFICES and SHOWROOMS are now situate at 4, Des Voeux Road, Central. (First Floor).

WATER RETURN.

Level and Storage of water in Reservoirs on Jan., 1, 1917.

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1916.		1917.	
Tytam	21ft. 8in. overflow	Below	22ft. 9in. overflow	Below
Tytam Byewash	21ft. 8in. overflow	Below	22ft. 9in. overflow	Below
Tytam Intermediate	21ft. 8in. overflow	Above	22ft. 9in. overflow	Above
Pokfulam	12ft. 8in. overflow	Below	22ft 9in overflow	Below
Wong-nei-chung	16ft. 8in. overflow	Below	27ft. 8in. overflow	Below
Tytam Low Level	Under construction		Under construction	

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1916.	1917.
Tytam	370.00	118.06
Tytam Byewash	Nil.	Nil.
Tytam Intermediate	207.88	207.88
Pokfulam	60.35	60.35
Wong-nei-Chung	12.80	1.80
Tytam Low Level	54.00	182.85
Total	644.70	570.16

Consumption of water in the City and Hill District in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Dec., 1916.

	1915	1916	
Consumption	101.82	116.15	M. gallons
Estimated population	863,119	866,768	
Consumption per head per day	24.9	24.0	gallons

Services to houses in the Rider Main Districts were disconnected and a supply was given by public street fountains only during December in both years 1915 and 1916.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

	1916	1917
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	4ft. 9in. Below overflow	7ft. 9in. Below overflow

STORAGE IN MILLIONS AND DECIMALS OF GALLONS.

	1916	1917
Kowloon Gravitation Reservoir	302.80	278.05

Consumption of water in Kowloon in millions and decimals of gallons during the month of Dec., 1916.

	1915	1916	
Consumption	33.16	36.96	M. gallons
Estimated population	97,400	96,880	
Consumption per head per day	20.9	21.9	gallons

The Government Analyst's reports show that the water is of excellent quality.

W. CHATHAM,
Water Authority,
Public Works Department.

TIDE TABLE.

From 8th Jan. to 14th Jan., 1917.

Day of Week	Day of Month	High Water Hongkong Mean Time.	ft. in.		Low Water Hongkong Mean Time.	ft. in.	
Mon.	8	h. m. 0 11	7 1	m	h. m. 6 5	0 8	m
Tues.	9	m 11 31	7.7	m	6 40	0.8	
Wed.	10	m 11 59	7.5	m	7 15	0.9	
Thur.	11	0 28	7.4	m	7 48	1.0	
Fri.	12	0 56	7.1	m	8 20	1.2	
Sat.	13	1 25	6.7	m	8 52	1.5	
Sun.	14	1 53	6.3	m	9 25	1.8	

m morning. a afternoon.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE,
Just arrived, Large Shipments of Choicest Hams.

HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK CO., LTD.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS: "MANIFESTO" HONGKONG.

Codes Used A1; A.B.C. Fifth Edition; Engineering, First and Second Edition; Western Union and Wat

Dock Owners, Ship Builders, Marine and Land Engineers, Boiler Makers.

Iron and Brass Founders, Forge Masters, Electricians.

ACETYLENE CUTTING AND WELDING FOR SHIP AND BOILER REPAIR.

Modern up-to-date plant operated by our own specially trained workmen under expert European supervision.

All classes of light Steel work manufactured by the above process. Tanks, Drums, Ventilators, Pipes, &c., &c.

HEAD OFFICE: KOWLOON. Telephone No. K. 55.

THE DIMENSIONS OF DOCKS AND SLIPS ARE AS FOLLOWS:—

NAME OF DOCK OR SLIP	LENGTH ON KEEL BLOCKS	ENTRANCE BREADTH	DEPTH OVER SILL AT ORDINARY SPRING TIDES	RISE OF TIDE SPRINGS	RISE OF TIDE NEAPS
KOWLOON					
No. 1 Dock, Kowloon	700'	(86' top / 70' bottom)	29'	7' 6"	
No. 2 Dock, Kowloon	371'	74'	25' 6"	7' 6"	
No. 3 Dock, Kowloon	484'	95' 3"	34'	7' 6"	
Patent Slip, No. 2 Kowloon	340'	60'	18'	7' 6"	
Patent Slip, No. 3 Kowloon	320'	60'	18'	7' 6"	
TAIKOKTSUI					
Cosmopolitan Dock	456'	85'	30'	7' 6"	
ABERDEEN					
Pleasure Dock	420'	84'	8'	7' 6"	
Lamont Dock	360'	64'	26'	7' 6"	

TOWN OFFICE: QUEEN'S BUILDINGS. Telephone No. 30, Hongkong.

Please Address Enquiries to the Chief Manager.

R. M. DYER, B.Sc., M.I.N.A., Kowloon Dock, Hongkong.

TELEGRAMS.

[Reuter's Service to The "Telegraph."]

(*Continued from Page 1.*)

ITALIAN ADVANCE IN ALBANIA.

January 11, 5.40 p.m.

An Italian official message says:—We occupied the Gremeni and Coritza area in Albania.

[In the event of telegrams arriving too late for insertion on this page they will be found on an Extra].

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

SUBMARINING OF SPANISH VESSELS.

Paris, January 10.

The correspondent of "Le Temps" at Madrid says that Senor Alvarez, the head of the Reform Party, in referring to the torpedoing of Spanish steamers, said Spain ought to adopt energetic measures. The Government ought to decree an embargo on German vessels finding refuge in Spanish ports and cut off the grants enjoyed by thousands of strangers whom Spain is generously sheltering.

THE PEACE QUESTION.

Sultan of Turkey's Regrets.

Amsterdam, January 10

A message from Constantinople states that the Sultan, in a proclamation to the troops, regrets that the humanitarian proposal for peace negotiations has been disdainfully rejected by the Entente, who are therefore responsible for the continuance of bloodshed. Henceforth, with their Allies, the Turks must redouble their efforts to achieve a final victory.

America's Thanks to Switzerland.

Washington, January 10.

President Wilson has personally thanked the Swiss Minister for Switzerland's offer to co-operate in a peace note.

The Allies' Reply.

Paris, January 10.

M. Briand this afternoon handed the American Ambassador the Allies' reply to President Wilson's Peace Note.

GREECE ACCEPTS ULTIMATUM.

Athens, January 10.

Greece last evening replied accepting the Entente's ultimatum.

REQUISITIONED SHIPS.

Question of Rates Discussed.

Some of the wise people who are persistently urging the Government to limit rates of freight will (says the *Journal of Commerce*) receive a shock at the suggestion of Mr. Howard Houlder, one of the most level-headed and orthodox of British shipowners, that the rates paid by the State for requisitioned ships should be at once increased, and that a freight should be paid in reasonable proportion to the value of the ships requisitioned. The man in the street will be horrified at this suggestion, and will point to recent dividends of shipping companies and newspaper statements of alleged fabulous gains in the shipping trade as a reason why this suggestion should not only be rejected, but as exclusively proving that shipowners are making huge profits out of the misfortunes of the nation, and that these should be promptly and drastically prevented. It takes the general public a long while to grasp a problem with more than one side, and the consideration of which comes to them as a novelty. Plainly freights are abnormally high, and it would be well for the country if they were lower, but the real necessity of the situation is that food and raw materials should continue to come to our shores in increasing volume, and the mere raising or lowering of goods would obviously not add a single ounce to the tonnage space available for such purpose, and indeed would proportionately take away some of the incentive for increasing the conveying capacity of our mercantile vessels.

The most effective cause of the present shortage of ships is the fact that some 70 or 80 per cent. of our mercantile vessels are at present under requisition by the Government, rendering undoubtedly by this means absolutely essential assistance to the country in the prosecution of the war. This aid is cheerfully given by British shipowners who also fully realise that in the circumstances it is not to be expected that the State should be asked to pay a competitive rate for tonnage. Nevertheless our shipowners and the nation as a whole are faced with the fact that whilst what are called Blue Book rates, and which are a mere fraction of the market price, are being paid by the Government to British owners, the whole of the tonnage of competitive neutral States is reaping the advantage of the present abnormal quotations, and thus being placed in the position of accumulating gigantic reserves for future enterprise. As Mr. Houlder says it is clear that enormous sums of money are being accumulated by non-British tonnage out of all proportion to any profits that are being made by British shipowners. It follows logically and convincingly from this that unless the rates on requisitioned ships are brought to a figure which bears a closer relation to the freights ruling on the market, the result will be to place other nationalities in an exceptionally strong position after the war is over, as compared with the British mercantile marine.

With regard to the further suggestion made by Mr. Houlder that only a reasonable dividend should be paid at present to those who have their money in ships, the bulk of the profits being put to reserve so as to meet the certain handicap with which the business will be placed in this country after the war, there is hardly likely to be complete unanimity. Certainly there is much to be said against any enforced application of this principle by the Government, since it would mean, in the opinion of many people quite an unnecessary and impotent interference with the use of capital. Individually there can be no doubt that our shipowners fully realise the position, and the large sums that all the British companies are placing to reserve bear evidence of this recognition. It must be remembered, too, that a great proportion of the merchant shipping engaged in competitive trade has changed hands during the war, and that the ruling high freights by no means always represent a huge rate of interest on the capital invested. On the whole it would be better to leave all earmarking profits to those directly concerned, the interests of shipowners and shipping shareholders being manifestly bound up in this matter with the interests of the community.

THE SHARE MARKET QUOTATIONS.

Up to the Minute.

Banks.	sn.	$	700.00.
Unions.	b.	$	900.00.
Douglases.	b.	$	115.50.
Indos (Def.)	b.	$	132.00.
China Sugars.	b.	$	128.00.
H.K. Wharves.	sa.	$	86.00.
K'loon Docks.	s.	$	127.00.
H.K. Lands.	b.	$	95.00.
Humphreys.	b	$	6.80.
Cements.	b.	$	11.60.
H.K. Tramways.	sa.	$	7.00.

A RETROSPECT.

H.M.S. Tamar—1893.

Twenty-four years ago, almost to the day.

Do you remember, after all these years? We sailed from Durban nearly five hundred joyous souls, relieved from long years of tedious garrison duty Horse, foot and artillery, women, and more delighted than all others, children. Do you remember, how the pleasant Trade Wind filled our topsails as we sped on our voyage? But, fast as we sped, a visitor overtook us and in the early dawn we knew that one at least of our number would never land in England. "Only a little child," was the thought of most of us, but a dismayed Sergeant and his weeping wife found their world empty. Are the beams of the old ship still haunted by the sobs of the bereaved mother, as she implored that she might be given a little coffin for her baby, instead of the usual sailor's shroud? And the final picture, a grating abreast the open gangway, and thereon laid and covered with a Union Jack, a very small one, the tiny coffin, perforated and weighted.

"We therefore commit her body to the deep, in the sure and certain Hope"—

The agonised cry, as the mother rushed to the side, to see the last of that pathetic little box, the set stern face of the Sergeant as he held to his wife's arm, lest she should strive to follow.

Tamar, you may not remember all this, but I do. Yet it seems to me that, though you are now merely a hulk, some slight shadow of that tragedy still clings to your old bones.

KAPUS BELA.

CRICKET.

Civil Service v. The University.

The following will represent the University in the above match to-morrow at 2 p.m. on the former's ground:—A. H. Rumjahn (Capt), K. Brayshay, R. Ponsonby-Fane, G. E. Marley, F. A. Redmond, A. de Souza, D. P. Dixon, Chow Yat Cheong, W. Gittins, W. Hall, J. D. Wright.

K.C.C."A." v. H.K.C.C.

These teams meet to-morrow at 2.15 p.m. on the H. K. C. C ground. The K. C. C. team will be:—J. P. Robinson, B. D Evans, J. V. Braga, W. T. Elson, Lt. Gray, F. W. Wood, A. O. Brawn, W. Kay, W. H. Stapleton, E. J. Edwards, K. McLennan.

K. C. C. "B." v. Staff and Departments.

These teams meet on K. C. C. ground at 2.15 p.m. to-morrow. The K. C. C. team will be:—D. J. Mackenzie, H. S. Ruse, C. J Stapleton, H. Overy, A. R. F Raven F. Travers, W. L Weaser, J. H. Mead, L. J. Blackburn, J. M. Jock and A. S Schulz

Craigengower v. The Navy.

The following will play for Craigengower against the Navy, to-morrow, on the Craigengower ground, commencing at 2.15 p.m.—L. A. Rose, R Bass, R. Pestonji, J. D. Noria, D. K. Kharas, S. Jex, R. G. Southerton, F. G. Thompson, B. W. Bradbury, A. Mann, and F. Schnepel.

CHINESE SEARCHLIGHTS.

Used to Search out Robbers.

Before Mr. C. D. Melbourne, at the magistracy this morning, a Chinese was charged with attempting to export five pounds of calcium carbide from Hongkong to Hoiping by a Wuchow steamer.

Revenue Officer Clark stated that the export of carbide was absolutely prohibited except under a Military Stores Exportation permit, and defendant could not have got that.

Defendant said he had only been in the Colony a week having come from Victoria, B.C. He did not know the laws and was taking it up country for his own purpose.

The Revenue Officer stated some of the large villages in China now possessed searchlights for use at night to search for robbers. He supposed that that was what the carbide was wanted for.

A fine of $10 was imposed, and the carbide confiscated.

LAND DEAL SEQUEL.

Serious Allegations at the Police Court.

A rather interesting case was before Mr. J. R. Wood, at the Magistracy this morning, when Mr. Otto Kong Sing applied for a reduction of the bail from $2,500 to $500 in the case in which Ka Rim Din, a contractor, and also a member of the Police Reserve, is charged with fraudulently converting to his own use the sums of $500 and $1,750, paid to him in connection with a land deal. The complainant is a married woman named Lai Tsz.

Mr. Kong Sing said that the defendant, through the Ho Man Tin Syndicate Land Company, effected certain sales of land to the complainant. Defendant was a contractor engaged by the syndicate for the completion of certain works. Money passed between the defendant and complainant, but it was now contended that the defendant had no equitable interest in the property.

Mr. E. Davidson, for the complainant, argued that the defendant had an equitable right. Since the issue of the warrant for the defendant's arrest, he had not come forward to defend himself, and he (Mr. Davidson) had been unable to get any assurances that these properties, which had been sold, had been hypothecated by the syndicate. It had been impossible to get any admission from the syndicate at all, and that was a very suspicious state of affairs. It looked as if the defendant had used the money paid him by the complainant, and probably by others, to finance himself as contractor for the syndicate.

Later on in the morning, the case was brought up again and a certificate was then produced by the syndicate, showing that they had no notice of any charge against those lots, and that they were the property of the defendant.

Under these circumstances, Mr. Davidson agreed that defendant should be released without bail, and that the charge be adjourned.

SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Skull, Nor., ss. 682, Randus, 12th Jan.—Bangkok, 30th Dec., Rice—Order.

PASSENGERS ARRIVED.

From Shanghai:—

Breaker Mr & Mrs F W
Bullmore Miss L G
Heighes Miss L
Hurly R C
Lockaby F A
Olsen V H
Wilson Mr & Mrs
F Y
Wang Y

Imported Jewellery Banned.

It was announced in the *Gazette* last month that the importation of jewellery of any description except by special license, had been prohibited. Other goods prohibited are:—Gold manufactured or unmanufactured, including gold coin and articles consisting partly of or containing gold. All manufactures of silver other than silver watches and silver watch cases.

VOLUNTEER ORDERS.

Corps Orders issued by Lieut-Colonel A Chapman, V.D., states:—

Joined.

Pte. J.H. Scott having joined is allotted Corps No 2048 and posted to Scouts Company. Pte. T. G. Fleming having joined is allotted Corps No 2049 and posted to Scouts Company.

Resigned.

No. 1682 Pte. T. B. Johnston is permitted to resign dated 9.1.17. No. 1857 Pte. S. V. Monteiro is permitted to resign dated 11.1.17.

Leave.

Sergt-Lieut. J W. Kew is granted 2 months' leave from 10.1.17. No. 1066 Corpl. A. Hamilton is granted 12 months' leave from 5.2.17. No. 1749 LcCpl. L. J. Blake is granted leave for the duration of war from 3.1.17. No. 1708 Pte. L. Forster is granted half month's leave from 10.1.17. No. 1987 Pte. R M. McLay is granted 12 month's leave from 10.1.17. No. 1944 Pte. H. G. H. Griffiths 1 month's leave from 10.1.17. No. 1719 Pte. J. Arthur Hoxe is granted 1 month's leave from 10.1.17 No. 2016 Spr. E G. Anderson is granted 6 month's leave from 10.1.17. No. 1871 Pte. G. H. Davis is granted 1 year's leave from 25.1.17. No. 1291 Pte. S. S. Moore is granted 12 months' leave from 14.3.17. No. 1532 Gr. J. McCubbin is granted 9 months' leave from 31.1.17.

Promotion.

To be Lance Corporal, dated 12. 1. 17:—No. 1751 Pte. F. Roia.

Parades.

Monday, 15th instant:—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery; 5.10. p.m. Centre Section M. G. Co. drill at Kowloon Dock. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Statue Wharf at 4.30 p.m.; 5.15 p.m. Artillery Battery, Left Section M.G. Co., and Civil Service Coy. section drill and Bayonet exercises on Murray Parade Ground; 5.15 p.m. Right Section M G. Co. at Headquarters for Route March; 5.15 p.m. Scouts Company platoon drill on Cricket Ground; 5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units at Headquarters under Corpl. Grimes; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Tuesday, 16th instant:—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery; 5.00 p.m. Mounted Section at Jockey Club Stables; 5.15 p.m. Stretcher Bearer Section at Headquarters; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Wednesday, 17th instant:—5.15 p.m. All units (except those on duty) at Headquarters for Lecture by Inspecting Officer H.K.V.C. Subject "Reconnaissance and Patrols" (Mufti may be worn); 5.15 p.m. Engineer Company (Taikoo Section only) section drill at Taikoo Docks; 5.45 p.m. Signalling Section class "A" and "C" at Happy Valley for field work.

Thursday, 18th instant:—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery; 5.30 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R.A. Theatre.

Friday, 19th instant:—7.30 a.m. Belchers 6" Section at Belchers Battery; 5.15 p.m. Recruits of all units of Headquarters, C.S.M. Witchell and Corpl. Grimes will attend; 5.50 p.m. Signalling Section class "B" at R. A. Theatre.

Sunday 21st instant:—8.20 a.m. Belcher 6" Section at Blake Pier for Sub-calibre practice at Stonecutters.

Detail.

On duty 21st instant, Scouts Company; 22nd, Scouts Company; 23rd, Civil Service Company; 24th, Artillery Battery; 25th, Centre Section M.G. Co.; 26th, Right Section M.G. Co. 27th, Scouts Company.

Orderly Officer from 21st to 27th instant, Lieut. C. Smith.

Notices.

It is reported to form a branch of the R. E. Old Comrades Association in Hongkong. Any R. E. or ex-R. E. is eligible for membership. (Sub. $2 per annum) Further information on the subject can be obtained from Q.M.S. C. F. Lintott, R.E.

BETTER CONDITIONS AT RUHLEBEN.

Bishop Bury's Story of His Visit.

"I have come from the heart of the German Empire, and have only been in this country 24 hours from Ruhleben," said Bishop Bury to a congregation at St. Peter's, Vere-street, to which church he has been recently appointed. Before the war he was Bishop for North and Central Europe.

"I went to Ruhleben," he continued, "with the full consent and good will of the German Government, and the privilege of a whole week in camp. I shared the life of the men there to the full—morning, noon and night. I was in the horse boxes and the lofts. I shared in their games. A week ago we had a great football match, and I kicked off

"I went to the theatre and saw a play there—not on lines that were coarse and broad—and at the close I was invited to the platform and gave the men ten minutes of straight talk. Every appeal to their manhood was reciprocated, and everyone rose to his feet, as naturally as you will do to-day, for the blessing.

"I was able to speak as freely as I am able to speak to you, and with the consent of the German authorities the prisoners were allowed to sing 'God Save the King.' And the assurance I was given everywhere by the men was loyalty to all their national ideals and an absolutely unconquerable spirit."

Bishop Bury said the condition of the camp was not always as it is to-day. "But the men," he added, "want bygones to be bygones. It tore the heart out of one and brought tears to the eyes to listen to what they went through in the first 12 months. But they are magnanimous. They have no rankling. They want that episode to be put aside and left behind. Thanks to the parcels sent to them by friends, to the never-failing sympathy of the British Government, and thanks—we should give them credit for it—to the attitude of the German authorities to-day, life there is not only tolerable but character-building.

"I was not only there with the sympathy of the German authorities, but I was positively charged by those in authority to do everything to hearten up our men, everything to appeal to their patriotism. 'We do not want in any sense to diminish their feeling of nationality,' said the Germans in charge, and they were as good as their word.

He was allowed to tell the men without the aid of an official interpreter what was the spirit of this country, and what was the spirit and determination of their brothers in the trenches at the front.

In an interview on Saturday Bishop Bury said that the men in the camp could not live without the parcels from home. The morning before he came away 80,000 parcels of food and other things arrived, and on the previous day there were 56,000 parcels. It was one of the interesting sights of the camp to see the unloading and distribution.

The "University of Ruhleben," as he termed the improvised school there, reflected the utmost credit on the spirit and enterprise of the prisoners. The curriculum embraces all branches of study—commerce, navigation, engineering, languages and art forming prominent features. Lectures are also given on educational and other subjects.

"In short," said the Bishop, "it is the most perfectly organised community of its kind possibly in existence."

The following will represent the A. and B. Teams H.K.V.C. in the Hockey League Match to be played at Happy Valley on Monday, 15th instant, at 4.30 p.m.:—

A. Team.—Lieut. Hutchison, Ptes. Hamilton, Dyer Ball, Bulmer Johnson, Evans, Brayshay, Redmond, Brand, Miskin, Smyth, Mitchell.

B. Team.—C. S. M. Witchell, Corpl. Hickling, Corpl. Edmonds, Ptes. Haskett, Martin, Kay, B. D. Evans, Southerton, Grs. Railton, Stalker, Rouse.

HOTEL LISTS.

HONGKONG HOTEL.

Anderson G E
Atkinson R L
Adams Mr & Mrs J J
Acheson J F
Brand R A
Bellilios R E
Bisseker F D
Baxter Mr & Mrs H A
Baxter Master
Bitting S T
Birbeck R J
Barker W L L
Branch Capt B
Baring J H
Bain H Murray
Bell C D J
Bellilios Mrs E R
Blain Dr M
Bullot P
Baker Dr & Mrs
Beswick Mr & Mrs C
Black Dr & Mrs
Bartlett R M
Bigelow M s C E
Baylis Capt F
Clarke W E
Cappleman W E
Croucher N
Consat H A R
Courtney J D
Courtney G L
Cavalier A R
Currimbhoy G
Clark Miss A
Christie Capt D
Coffins Miss M
Coffins Miss D
Coffins Miss M
Coffins Mr & Mrs H Stanley
Coffins W
Dowley W A
Davenport W B
Duffy Miss M E
Douglas Mr & Mrs W E
Davis Mr & Mrs F E
Dewar Capt J
Dubash B
Duxford-Wood Mr & Mrs
Eastman Mr & Mrs A W
Edsall Mr & Mrs H F
Fuller Denman
Ford W H
Fairley W L
Franz H R
Fairchild H S
Glaister Dr
Gray P J
Gordon A G
Gibb J
Goulbourn V
Geare Mr & Mrs J H
Garrelson F M
Gaynor M E
Gaines F S
Gordon Mrs J H
Hodge L E S
Harvey Mr and Mrs R D
Hayward Mr & Mrs H E
Hall Capt T P
Hollands H E
Hodgins Mrs A E
Hind W B
Ha per G
Hooper A Shelton
Hicks A
Hodge W A
Hannibal Mr & Mrs W A
Herrobin S L
Hykes Mr & Mrs A B
Henderson C A
Hirsh Mr & Mrs D G
Hoyle-Sink H
Joseph E M
Judd Mr & Mrs H E
Jenkins A
Kales F H
Knoderer Dr A T
King C
Kanow E
Karanjia N B
Knight F
Lefris Mr & Mrs J J
Lauritsen Mr and Mrs C
Longfield S
Little Mr & Mrs C.
Looauw Mr & Mrs A W Van der
Larkin A O
Morse Mrs G A
Miskin G
McLay Mr and Mrs R M
Maalin H E
Marriott Dr & Mrs O
Mellis G
McKean Dr & W
Macdonald Major D
Mersch J
Mehta B K
McInnes Mr & Mrs
Mackenzie Miss
Murch A S
Millar W P.
Massey Miss K A
Marshall F B
McCracken Mrs A
Mathews Mr & Mrs J F
Nicolson J S
Newhouse E
Nasbet Capt
Obaldia J C de
O'Connor Miss M
O'Brien Mr & Mrs E M
Reay Miss F A
Rouse B
Ritcher D
Rowe E B
Espinez Miss
Ramey Mrs J H
Ramey Miss
Scott Mr & Mrs H
Square Miss A
Sorby V
Stackhouse J W
Scott J H
Slade Mrs M
Simpson Capt H
Scott H
Sluyters Mr & Mrs Van
Shively Dr J C
Salis R
Stillwell Miss
Thompson F G
Tedt A L
Tucker Capt A
Tokugawa Mr & Mrs R
Thompson D C
Toulmin Mr & Mrs H W
Thomas E
Varn M H
Warren E J T
Walker Mrs H A
Wallace C
Wood G G
Watt Capt R A
Wall A Vande
Weyrig Miss J M
Ward Mr & Mrs J C
Ymamura Miss

KING EDWARD HOTEL.

Almond Mrs R
Bannerman G
Baker Mr & Mrs
Bouman G C
Bullen Miss M E
Budge W
Castello
Chong Mr & Mrs T S
Donaldson R A
Fetterley
Finlayson Mrs & Mrs D J
Fritz C
Gregory T N
Gunn Mr & Mrs T
Hammes Mr & Mrs
Jackson Wm
James E
James B
Joseph J
Lambden A
Lambden Miss E G
Lee W D
Morley W
Muchall D
Passmore Mrs W C
Payne H E S
Pegg H H
Pringle W J
Pilkington Capt A R
Price Mr & Mrs G J
Parsons J
Pursiow Capt P
Philip F M
Porter Mrs W S
Prescott F G
Ray E H
Reay Miss F A
Rouse B
Ritcher D
Rowe E B
Espinez Miss
Ramey Mrs J H
Ramey Miss
Scott Mr & Mrs H
Square Miss A
Sorby V
Stackhouse J W
Scott J H
Slade Mrs M
Simpson Capt H
Scott H
Sluyters Mr & Mrs Van
Shively Dr J C
Salis R
Stillwell Miss
Thompson F G
Tedt A L
Tucker Capt A
Tokugawa Mr & Mrs R
Thompson D C
Toulmin Mr & Mrs H W
Thomas E
Varn M H
Warren E J T
Walker Mrs H A
Wallace C
Wood G G
Watt Capt R A
Wall A Vande
Weyrig Miss J M
Ward Mr & Mrs J C
Ymamura Miss
Hirsh Mr & Mrs D G
Hoyle-Sink H
Almond Mrs R
Bannerman G
Baker Mr & Mrs
Bouman G C
Bullen Miss M E
Budge W
Castello
Chong Mr & Mrs T S
Donaldson R A
Fetterley
Finlayson Mrs & Mrs D J
Fritz C
Gregory T N
Gunn Mr & Mrs T
Hammes Mr & Mrs
Jackson Wm
James E
James B
Joseph J
Lambden A
Lambden Miss E G
Lee W D
Morley W
Muchall D
Passmore Mrs W C
Payne H E S
Pegg H H
Pringle W J
Pilkington Capt A R
Price Mr & Mrs G J
Parsons J
Pursiow Capt P
Philip F M
Porter Mrs W S
Prescott F G
Ray E H
Reay Miss F A
Rouse B
Ritcher D
Rowe E B
Espinez Miss
Ramey Mrs J H
Ramey Miss
Scott Mr & Mrs H
Square Miss A
Sorby V
Stackhouse J W
Scott J H
Slade Mrs M
Simpson Capt H
Scott H
Sluyters Mr & Mrs Van
Shively Dr J C
Salis R
Stillwell Miss
Thompson F G
Tedt A L
Tucker Capt A
Tokugawa Mr & Mrs R
Thompson D C
Toulmin Mr & Mrs H W
Thomas E
Varn M H
Warren E J T
Walker Mrs H A
Wallace C
Wood G G
Watt Capt R A
Wall A Vande
Weyrig Miss J M
Ward Mr & Mrs J C
Ymamura Miss

CARLTON HOTEL.

Ballantine B A
Ballantine H F
Burton Mrs S
Bradley Mr & Mrs C
Ballantine H F
Camps Mrs E
Green Miss K R
Hunter Mr & Mrs
Hefty Miss M
Eadgate Miss S H
Lewis H
Meak Thomas
Main Mr & Mrs W A
Polonetzky A
Potts Miss H
Paddock B H
Ramos A
Reed J T S
Seybt C E
Stephens Mr & Mrs H
Stanbridge Miss B
Thom W
Tglorin Mr & Mrs S R
Talman Miss L G
Wilson Mr & Mrs C M

PEAK HOTEL.

Barton G W
Blair D K
Cary Mr & Mrs F W
Carmichael Mr & Mrs H F
Casulli Mr & Mrs D C
Clarke Mr & Mrs G O
Darling R E Col
Duisker Mr & Mrs W
Hale Mr & Mrs B A
Hollingsworth A
Johns Mrs T J R
Jones R L
Kingsleyward Mrs H
Mulder Mrs
MacIntyre Mr & Mrs Hall
Martin Mrs V
Mardin Miss
Nightingale Mr and Mrs G F
Perkins T L
Ralphs Mr & Mrs E
Roberts Mr & Mrs W E
Smith Mr & Mrs A F
Skott C
Smith Mr & Mrs V F
Wetton G E
Wood Mr & Mrs D
Wood Mr & Mrs G W

ST. GEORGE'S HOUSE.

Bebbison Mrs A D
Bebbison Miss
Connors Mrs
Dunlop Mr & Mrs J B
Flack N
Fortis M
Hellblom E
Lambid Mrs
Macdonald Jas
Mackay
McKems
Pallon Mr & Mrs C
Prichard Mrs B W
Ramsay Maj & Mrs H
London Capt & Mrs Rowe

GENERAL SHIPPING NEWS.

Cunard Changes.

Liverpool, December 2.—The Cunard Steamship Company has accepted, with regret from the end of this year the resignation of Mr. Charles P. Summer, who for many years past has managed their business in New York with conspicuous success. Unremitting strain during the last few years has placed a heavy tax upon Mr. Summer's health and strength and he has not felt justified in undertaking the burden of the reorganisation of the company's business in America, which now includes the Commonwealth and Dominion Line to Australia and New Zealand, in addition to the Cunard and Anchor Line to Europe, in preparation for the new conditions which will exist after the war. Mr. Summer takes with him on retirement the good wishes and grateful tanks of all his associates in the Cunard Company. He will be succeeded by Mr. T. Ashley Sparks, partner in the well known firm of Funch Edye and Company, the present agents of the Commonwealth and Dominion Line in New York. Mr. Sparks will in due course join the board of directors of the Cunard Company. At the same time arrangements are being made for the incorporation of Messrs. Funch Edye and Company, and for the acquisition by the Cunard Company of an interest in the business which will, however, continue to be managed entirely by present partners.

Elections to Shipmaster's Association Council.

At a meeting of the Executive Council of the Mercantile Marine Service Association, held recently two members of the association, Captains W. S. Main, F.R.G.S., F.R.M.S., and J. H. Goodwin, were unanimously elected members of the council. Captain Wm. Smith Main is a native of Port Glasgow, and made his first voyage with his uncle, Captain Dunlop, as boy on the Wandsworth, and it was only fitting that his sea career should have begun in April, 1865, with a trip to Quebec, a route with which his name was later to become so intimately associated. He obtained sound schooling in the profession on board several famous clippers, amongst which may be mentioned the Leonide, the Mistress of the Sea, the Tamana (on which he sailed to Trinidad as second mate with his father), and the Maranon. In 1874 he obtained his master's certificate and the following year joined the Allan Line as third officer on the Waldersian. From 1876 to 1883 he was chief officer, most of that time being spent under Captain Hugh Wylie, and in 1883 he was appointed to the command of the steamer Lucerne, successively commanding the Montevideon, the State of Nevada, the Corean, the Siberian, the Hibernian, the Norwegian, the Laurentian, the Corinthian, the Numidian, the Pretorian, and in 1908 was transferred to the Hesperian, the only vessel of that long list to meet with disaster while under his charge. This vessel was torpedoed by an enemy submarine off the Irish coast on 4th Sept., 1915. On Oct. 8 the Right Hon. Walter Runciman, President of the Board of Trade, paid a special visit to Liverpool for the purpose of making presentations to Captain W. S. Main, F.R.G.S., F.R.M.S., and certain officers, engineers, and members of the crew for their heroic efforts to save the lives of the passengers on board, and also for their strenuous though unsuccessful attempt to save the ship. For several years he held the honourable position of commodore captain of the Allan Line, having held command of important units of this fine fleet for the long period of thirty-two years. After his exciting experience on board the Hesperian, however, he transferred to the C.P.R., and is at present holding command of one of H.M. transports. Three of his sons are at present engaged on war service, one of whom, Mr. Donald Main, was wounded at Givenchy, but recovered; while another (George) is now in hospital in Sheffield making a very slow recovery. Captain Main, who has been a member of the Mercantile Marine Service Association since 1894, is also a Fellow of the Royal Geographical and Royal Meteorological Societies, having done valuable work in meteorological observation and marine research. Captain John Henry Goodwin joined the Mercantile Marine Service Association in 1890, when he was on board the steamer Morna. The next year he joined the Cyclops, belonging to Messrs. Holt and Co., and during the following years held command of their ships Hector, Ajax, Polyphemus, and Diomed in succession. He left the latter vessel to take command of the steamer Telemachus (also belonging to the same company), and he remained as master of that vessel for the period of twelve years. The council of the association congratulate themselves on having obtained the co-operation of two such valued members.

For Sale.

The Siamese warship Maha Chakrkri, 3,000 tons, the largest of the Siamese fleet, which has been lying at Kobe since August last waiting to be converted into a Royal yacht, has been offered for sale. She left that port on December 13 for Osaka, where she is to be open to inspection by intending buyers.

Vessels Classed in Lloyd's Register 1915-16.

At the close of the year ended 30th June, 10,032 merchant vessels, registering over 23 million tons gross, held classes assigned by the Committee of Lloyd's Register. These figures, large as they are, show a falling off from the high water mark of the previous year, thus reflecting the heavy losses which have been occasioned by the war. During the year under review, the Committee passed the plans of 742 vessels, representing 2,375,590 tons of shipping, to be built under the Society's survey with a view to classification in Lloyd's Register Book, as compared with plans of 733 vessels, of 1,715,500 tons, for the previous twelve months. The Committee assigned classes to 362 new vessels, of 790,209 tons, of which 356 were steamers, or motor vessels, of a tonnage of 789,688, and 6 were sailing vessels, of 521 tons.

China Coast Gazette.

Mr T. Kelly, from reserve, has gone supernumerary, Yuensang. Mr N. Curtis has been appointed second officer, Yuensang. Mr J. C. Perren, supernumerary second officer, Kutsang, has resigned. Mr T. J. Winter, third officer, Foosbing, has gone supernumerary second officer, Kotsang. Mr H. W. Chandler, supernumerary second officer, Kutsang, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr W. N. Crisp, acting master, Chipshing, has gone chief officer, same ship. Mr W. Brewer, acting chief officer, Chipshing, has gone second officer, same ship. Mr F. E. Jarratt, from leave, has gone acting master, Chipshing. Capt. G. F. Matthews, of the Loongsang, has gone master, Hopsang. Captain C. A. Robertson, of the Loongsang, is on leave. Mr W. A. Dean, second officer, Suiwo, has gone second officer, Luenbo. Mr N. C. Atkinson, second officer, Luenbo, has gone second officer, Suiwo. Mr J. H. Brown, third officer, Kwangsang, is on reserve. Mr K. S. Hassel, second officer, Anping, has gone second officer, Tungwah. Captain J. W. Freer, from leave, has gone master, Ningpo. Captain J. Ondney, of the Ningpo, is on reserve. Captain W. Shane, of the Szechuen, has gone master, Chekiang. Captain N. H. Leitch, of the Chekiang, has gone master, Szechuen. Mr C. G. Noel, chief officer, Hsin Peking, is on leave. Mr D. H. Martin, from reserve, has gone chief officer, Hsin Peking. Mr J. Pugh, from reserve, has gone supernumerary second officer, Fatshan. Mr E. M. Hynd, chief officer, Kiukiang, is on reserve. Mr F. C. Novik, third officer, Albiana, has gone supernumerary, Turritella. Mr J. C. Perren has been appointed third officer, Wisley. Mr C. K. Turner has been appointed chief officer, Turritella. Mr L. Bester has been appointed third officer, Kaiping. Mr F. H. Bladister, second officer, Wollowra, has resigned. Mr H. Markham, chief officer, Sagittarius, has resigned. Mr W. B. Paton has been appointed second officer, Burrumbeet. Mr E. J. Hempel has been appointed second officer, Sagittarius.

Pacific Freights Strong er.

In their fortnightly freight market report dated January 4, Messrs. Wheelock and Co. say:—Since last writing, the Christmas and New Year holidays having intervened, there has been very little doing in our Homeward freight market; and in any case the situation as regards cargo and tonnage supply remains unchanged both to Europe and to America. Rates across the Pacific have been raised slightly on certain commodities since the first of the year, and there are indications that they will go higher yet in the near future. Coastwise:—This market remains firm and with the continued demand and the scarcity of tonnage is likely to strengthen still further.

Biggest Prize Ship at Auction.

Liverpool, Dec. 1.—Keen competition will be displayed at the forthcoming prize ship sale, arranged by Messrs. Kellocks for Tuesday, December 19, at three o'clock in the afternoon, at the Baltic Exchange. They will then put up the prize liner Prinz Adalbert, which is the largest German prize yet offered in this country. This ship one was one of the Hamburg-Amerika Line's 6,000 tons steamers, and she was seized at Falmouth. She is a finely equipped passenger and cargo vessel, and is much larger than the Schlesien, late of the Norddeutscher-Lloyd, which was sold at the Baltic for the record price of £62,500 in January, 1915; only to be resold eight months later for £120,000.

The Modern Idea of Contraband.

Sir John Macdonell, speaking on "Prize Law and Prize Courts" at the London School of Economics referred to the enormous extension of the conception of contraband in the present war, and said that one of the lines of development was the tendency to efface the distinction between conditional and absolute contraband. There was scarcely as important article of commerce which was not brought within the scope of recent Orders in Council dealing with contraband. Much had been said in this country about the blockade, but the fact was that blockade had played an inconsiderable part in the war. It was not blockade in the proper sense of the term that had been effectual, or that had brought about severe injury to the seaborne trade of Germany. It was the measures unexampled in their severity in regard to contraband.

Ocean Steamer Freight Question.

The current steamer freights from Japan to Europe and America by the N. Y. K. and O. S. K. regular mail liners under Japanese Government subsidies and also by these Companies' extra steamers are as follow:—

	European Line per ton	American Line per ton
Per regular liners	£6s. 6d.	G. $7.50
Per extra steamers	£10s.	$ 9.00

The above rates may be regarded as easy compared with those on European freight markets, such as the Cardiff-Port Said, Saigon-Marseilles, Bombay-Marseilles rates, etc. It is the course of a natural order of things, therefore, that foreign steamers coming to Japan have markedly decreased in number of late. They little relish the idea of undertaking the conveyance of cargoes at comparatively low rates from Japan to Europe via the danger-fraught waters. The P. & O. S. N. Co. and the Messageries Maritimes are among the foreign steamship companies which still maintain services to Japan at a heavy sacrifice, but the above two may be looked upon as the companies representing Great Britain and France respectively. Almost all the other foreign steamship companies, major and minor, have discontinued their lines to Japan, working instead some Oriental services having Shanghai as a terminal port. The Shire Line, Ben Line, etc., are counted among the most conspicuous instances. The same may be said of the American service. The Java-China-Japan Line steamers, which serve to connect the Dutch East Indies with America, abruptly cancelled some time ago their call at Nagasaki on their way to and from America, but has recently announced the resumption of their call thereat merely for bunkering purposes. —*Manchuria Daily News.*

Currents in the China Sea.

The remarkable voyage of the two lighters, which were built at Shanghai in October 1910 and which, after twice breaking adrift from the tugboat, eventually drifted down to Singapore, furnishes a striking example of the prevailing drift of winds and currents in that part of the sea that makes it well worth while attempting to follow their course. The lighters had no sooner got clear of the southern end of Formosa than a heavy north-easter set in and the tremendous sea that rolls in through the Bashee Channel proved too much for the tows and they broke adrift and continued the journey on their own. The tugboat returned to Shanghai and it was anticipated that the last had been heard of the unfortunate lighters when, lo! on March 10, 1911, came the news that one of them had been picked up by a steamer 150 miles from Singapore, while the other was simultaneously reported to have been discovered, high and dry, but undamaged, on the coast of the Malay Peninsula inside of Pulo Aor and about seventy miles north of Horsburgh Light, at the entrance of Singapore Strait. The lighters had thus completed the greater part of the journey at the mercy of the wind and sea without guidance and it will remain a mystery how they found their way through the maze of islands and shoals that beset their path without being cast away on a lee shore where the heavy surf would quickly have broken them up. A further coincidence was the fact of the news of their safety having come two or three days before the amount of their insurance fell due after they had been more than three months lost to human ken. It is probable that in their remarkable journey of 1,500 miles, the two lighters drifted before the strong north-east wind from the point where they broke adrift to the Macclesfield Bank, a distance of some 450 miles. Here there would have been no danger of grounding, for though the water is shoal on some of the reefs, there would be ample depth for craft of such light draft. On the wind taking off, however, which we must assume would have been the case occasionally, they would be exposed to the notherly return drift and would probably have made a little northing toward Hongkong, though still keeping a little westerly set. This would bring them, on the return of the north-east wind, directly in the track of Bombay Shoal and the westerly islands of the Paracels group, and it is a cause of wonder that they eluded the numerous reefs and islands and came safely through. Leaving there they must have got into the south-easterly set that makes strongly past Padaran and, once clear of Cape de Mer, would have had comparatively open sea until in the vicinity of the Anambas, where one lighter was picked up. The other probably took a more westerly course and passing inside of Tricoman Island, landed on the beach in fairly sheltered waters, being thus preserved from damage. It is little short of marvellous that these unwieldy craft should have threaded their way, driven hither and thither by every change in the winds or currents, through the intricate passages between the islands that strew this part of the China Sea without coming to grief. The distance covered by the one that was cast ashore is, roughly, 1,450 miles and the time taken eighty-eight days, which gives an average speed of nearly seventeen miles per day, or three-quarters of a knot per hour. The lighters, in their journey, must have crossed the frequented track of steamers between Manila and Hongkong, and, after leaving the Paracels, must have drifted in or very near to the track of the large passenger boats steaming up from Singapore. The last of the derelicts having covered the distance in somewhat a time shows the strong surface drift that prevails in the S.E. monsoon; a drift that has been recently demonstrated in sub-

HONGKONG SHARE REPORT.

S.—SELLERS; SA.—SALES; B.—BUYERS; N.—NOMINAL.

OFFICIAL PRICES.

BANKS.		
Banks	b. & sa.	$700
MARINE INSURANCES.		
Cantons	b.	$977½
North Chinas	n.	t. 150
Unions	b.	$900
Yangtszes	n. ex 73	$285
FIRE INSURANCES.		
China Fires	n.	$155
H.K. Fires	n.	$375
SHIPPING.		
Douglases	b.	$115½
Steamboats	b. & sa.	$30
Indos (Def.)	n.	$132
Indos (Pref.)	s.	$43
Shells	n.	108/-
Ferries	s.	$37
REFINERIES.		
Sugars	b.	$128
Malabons	b.	$37
MINING		
Kallans	n.	36/-
Langkats	b.	t. 22
Raubs	n.	$2.40
Tronohs	n.	31/6
Urais	n.	32/9
DOCKS, WHARVES, GODOWNS, &C.		
H.K. Wharves	b. & sa.	$86
Kowloon Docks	sa.	$127
S'hai Docks	b.	t. 87
LANDS, HOTELS AND BUILDINGS.		
Centrals	s.	$101
H.K. Hotels	s.	$115
Land Invest.	b.	$95
H'phreys Est.	b.	$6.80
K'loon Lands	s.	$35
S'hai Lands	n.	t. 85
West Points	s.	$81
COTTON MILLS.		
Ewos	n.	t. 145
Kung Yiks	n.	t. 14½
S'hai Cottons	b.	t. 110
Yangtszepoos	n.	t. 5½
MISCELLANEOUS.		
Borneos	n.	$8½
China Light & P.	b.	$4.75
Providents	b.	$8.30
Dairy Farms	n.	$25½
Green Islands	b.	$11.60
H.K. Electrics	n.	$53
H.K. Ice Co.,	n.	$160
Ropes	n.	$34½
Steel Foundries	n.	$93¼
Trams, Low Level	b. & sa.	$7.00
Trams, Peak, old	n.	$10
Trams, Peak, new	n.	$1
Laundries	n.	$3½
U. Waterboats	sa.	$15.00
Watsons	b.	$8½
Wm. Powells	b.	$5.25
Morning Posts	n.	$29

CORRECTED TO NOON FRIDAY JANUARY 12, 1917.

BENJAMIN & POTTS,
Share and General Brokers,
Princes Building.
Tel. address: Broker.

EXCHANGE.

SELLING.

T/T	2/4
Demand	2/4 1/16
30 d/s.	2/4 ⅛
60 d/s.	2/4 ¼
4 m/s.	2/4 5/16
T/T Shanghai	Nom.
T/T Singapore	99
T/T Japan	103 ¼
T/T India	169 Nom.
Demand, India	169 Nom.
T/T San Francisco & New York	55 ¼
T/T Java	134
T/T Marks	Nom.
T/T Francs	3.23
Demand, Paris	3.23 ½

BUYING.

4 m/s. L/C	2/4 13/16
4 m/s. D/P	2/4 15/16
6 m/s. L/C	2/5 1/16
30 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne	2/5 1/16
30 d/s. San Francisco & New York	56 ¼
4 m/s. Marks	Nom.
4 m/s. Francs	3.35
6 m/s. Francs	3.40
Demand, Germany	—
Demand, New York	55 ⅜
T/T Bombay	—
Demand, Bombay	169 Nom.
T/T Calcutta	—
Demand, Calcutta	169 Nom.
Demand, Manila	111
Demand, Singapore	99
On Haiphong	2½% prem.
On Saigon	2% prem.
On Bangkok	66
Sovereign	8.45 Nom.
Gold Leaf, per oz.	51.20
Bar Silver, per oz.	—

SUBSIDIARY COINS.

DISCOUNT PER $100:

Chinese	20 cts pieces 3½% dis.
Chinese	10 " 3½% dis.
Hongkong	20 cts. pieces 1% "
Hongkong	10 " 1% "

BANKS.

BANK OF CANTON LIMITED.

HEAD OFFICE HONGKONG

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking Business Transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS Received.

INTEREST ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 3 Months 3% per annum

For 6 Months 4% per annum

For 12 Months 4½% per annum

LOOK POON SHAN,
Chief Manager.

NOTICE.

NOTICE.

PEAK TRAMWAY CO LIMITED
TIME TABLE.

WEEK DAYS.

6.00 a.m. to	8.00 a.m.	Every	15 Min.
8.00 a.m. to	10.00 a.m.	"	10 Min.
10.00 a.m. to	12.00 a.m.	"	15 Min.
12.00 a.m. to	12.30 Noon	"	10 Min.
12.30 Noon to	1.00 p.m.	"	15 Min.
1.00 p.m. to	5.00 p.m.	"	10 Min.
5.00 p.m. to	7.00 p.m.	"	15 Min.
7.00 p.m. to	9.30 p.m.	"	30 Min.

NIGHT CARS.

6.30 p.m. and 8 p.m., 9.30 p.m. to 12.00 p.m. every half hour.
12.00 p.m. to 12.45 p.m. every quarter of an hour.

SUNDAYS

7.30 a.m. to	10.30 a.m.	Every	15 Min.
10.30 a.m. to	12.00 a.m.	"	10 Min.
12.30 a.m. to	12.00 Noon	"	15 Min.
12.00 Noon to	1.00 p.m.	"	10 Min.
1.00 p.m. to	5.00 p.m.	"	15 Min.
5.00 p.m. to	7.00 p.m.	"	10 Min.
7.00 p.m. to	9.30 p.m.	"	15 Min.

HIGHU CARS as on Week Days.

SATURDAYS

Extra Car at 12 midnight.

SPECIAL CARS

By Arrangement at the Company's Office, Alexandra Buildings, Des Voeux Road.

"Season and punch tickets available for all cars not already full, running at the times stated in the Company's time tables, but not for special cars. Can be obtained on application at the Company's Office.—No Season ticket will be issued until payment therefor has been made in Bank Notes or by Cheque or Compradore order representing Bank Notes."

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & CO.

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LTD.

(Capital Paid up...$1,250,000.)

Loans on Mortgage of House Property &c.
Goods received on Storage.
Advances made on Merchandise.
Loans made on the Provident System.
(Rates and Particulars on application).

The Office of
TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEYS, &c., Undertakes and Executed.

SHEWAN, TOMES & Co.,
General Managers.

MITSUBISHI GOSHI KWAISHA.
(MITSUBISHI CO.)

COAL DEPARTMENT.

SOLE PROPRIETORS OF TAKASIMA, OCHI, MUTABE, KISHIDAKE, YOSHINOTANI, HOJO, HAMAZUTA, SAYO, KAMADA, SHINNEW KAMIYAMADA, BIBAI and OYUBARI Collieries.

Agent for SAKITO COAL.

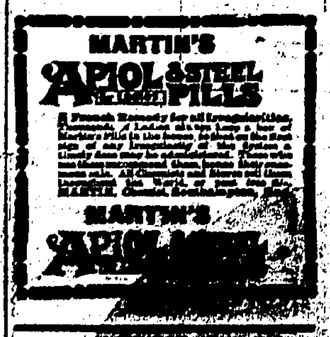
HEAD OFFICE:—
MARUNOUCHI, TOKYO.

BRANCH OFFICES:—NAGASAKI MOJI, KARATSU, WAKAMATSU, OTARU, MURORAN, HAKODATE, KOBE, OSAKA, KURE, TOKYO, YOKOHAMA, NAGOYA, TSURUGA, VLADIVOSTOCK, HANKOW, PEKING, LONDON, NEW YORK, SHANGHAI, HONGKONG, HAIPHONG and CANTON.

Cable Address:—"IWASAKI," Codes: A1, A.B.C. 5th Ed., Western Union, and Bentley's.

AGENCIES:—
CHINKIANG—Messrs. GEARING & Co., MANILA—Messrs. MACONDRAY & Co., SINGAPORE — Messrs. BORNEO Co. LTD., GLASGOW—Messrs. A. R. BROWN, MCFARLANE & Co., LTD

For Particulars, apply to—
K. KATO,
Manager.
Hongkong. No. 2, Pedder Street



THE ALEXANDRA GATE
Cannot be Recommended for Brass, Copper, Gunmetal and Monel Valves.

BANKS.

HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Paid-up Capital.....$15,000,000
RESERVE FUNDS:
Sterling
£1,500,000 at 2/- =$15,000,000
Silver ...$18,000,000
$33,000,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....$15,000,000
COURT OF DIRECTORS.
Hon. Mr. C. E. Alston
W. L. Bampton, Esq. Chairman.
F. H. Brodrick, Esq., Deputy Chairman
G. T. M. Miller, Esq.
C. S. Gubbay, Esq.
Hon. Mr. F. H. Holyoak.
J. A. Plenderleath, Esq.
Hon. Mr. R. Shellim.
CHIEF MANAGER
Hongkong—N. J. Stabb, Esq.
MANAGER
Shanghai—A. G. Stephen, Esq.
London Bankers—London County and Westminster, Limited.

Hongkong—Interest Allowed:
On Current Accounts at the rate of 3 per cent. annum on the daily balances.
ON FIXED DEPOSITS.
For 3 months, 3½ per cent. per annum.
For 6 months, 4 per cent. per annum.
For 12 months, 5 per cent. per annum.

N. J. STABB
Chief Manager.

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

THE Business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG & SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed on the minimum monthly balances at 3½ per cent. per annum.

Depositors may transfer, at their option, balances of $100 or more to the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 4 cent. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

N. J. STABB,
Chief Manager.

THE CHARTERED BANK OF INDIA, AUSTRALIA AND CHINA.

Incorporated by Royal Charter 1853.

HEAD OFFICE:—LONDON.
Paid-up Capital.....£2,000,000
Reserve Fund.....£1,600,000
Reserve Liability of Proprietors.....£2,000,000

FOREIGN EXCHANGE and General Banking business transacted.

CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received for 1 year or shorter periods, at rates which will be quoted on application.

T. C. DOWNING,
Manager
Hongkong, 11th April, 1912.

THE MERCANTILE BANK OF INDIA, LIMITED.

Head Office 15, Gracechurch Street, London.

Authorised Capital.....£1,500,000
Subscribed " 1,125,000
Paid Up " 562,500
Reserve Fund $50,000

BANKERS:
The Bank of England,
The London Joint Stock Bank, Limited.
BRANCHES:—

Bombay	Karachi
Calcutta	Kutz Bhera
Colombo	Kuala Lumpur
Delhi	Madras
Galle	Penang
Hongkong	Rangoon
Howrah	Shanghai
Kandy	Singapore
Port Louis (Mauritius.)	

HONGKONG BRANCH.
Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.
Interest allowed on Current Accounts at 2 per cent per annum on Daily Balances, and on Fixed Deposit at rates which may be ascertained on application.

C. CHAMPKIN,
Acting Manager.

INTERNATIONAL KINGANG CORPORATION.

HEAD OFFICE:
55, Wall St., New York.

LONDON OFFICE:
36, Bishopsgate, E.C.

CAPITAL PAID UP $3,250,000
RESERVE FUNDS $3,931,000

U.S. GOLD $7,181,000

BRANCHES:—

BOMBAY	HONGKONG	PEKING
CALCUTTA	KOBE	SAN FRANCISCO
CANTON	LONDON	SHANGHAI
CEBU	MANILA	SINGAPORE
COLON	MEDELLIN	TIENTSIN
HANKOW	PANAMA	YOKOHAMA

Through its close affiliation with The National City Bank of New York, the Bank is able to offer the Services of the Branches of that Institution in Cuba and South America, Namely:—

HAVANA, MONTEVIDEO, RIO DE JANEIRO, SANTIAGO DE CUBA, SANTOS, SAO PAULO, VALPARAISO,

All kinds of FOREIGN & LOCAL BANKING BUSINESS transacted.
CURRENT ACCOUNTS opened and FIXED DEPOSITS received at rates to be ascertained on application.

N. S. MARSHALL,
Manager.
Hongkong, 26th September, 1916.

THE YOKOHAMA SPECIE BANK, LIMITED.

Established 1880.
Authorised Capital Yen 48,000,000
Paid-up Capital ... " 30,000,000
Reserve Fund ..... " 20,800,000

Head Office.—YOKOHAMA.

Branches and Agencies
Aniung-Hsien — Nagasaki
Bombay — Newchwang
Calcutta — New York
Changchun — Osaka
Dairen — Peking
Fangtai — Port Arthur
Fushun — Antung
Hankow — San Francisco
Harbin — Shanghai
Hongkong — Sydney
Kai-Yuan — Tientsin
London — Tsinan
Lyons — Tsitsihar
Mukden — Yingkow
New York — Yokohama

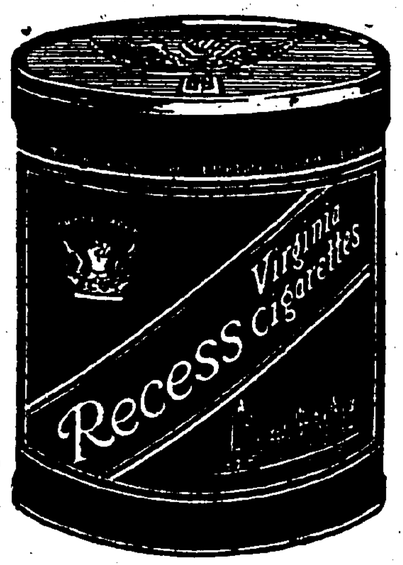
Drafts on the above Branches and Agencies and on all principal places in the world are issued and Bills on approved terms are negotiated.

T. ONO, Manager.
Hongkong, 1st April 1916.

NOTICES.

"RECESS"

HIGH GRADE VIRGINIA CIGARETTES.



MANUFACTURED BY

WESTMINSTER TOBACCO CO. LD.

ASAHI

(SUN-BRAND) BEER

SOLE AGENTS:

MITSUI BUSSAN KAISHA

Telephone Nos. 195, 230.

G. R.

PUBLIC AUCTION.

THE Undersigned has received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY,
the 15th January, 1917, at
3 p.m., on the Spot,

The Several Lots Numbered 1 to 19 on Plan to be seen at the Auctioneer's Office, for erection of

Booths and Matsheds,

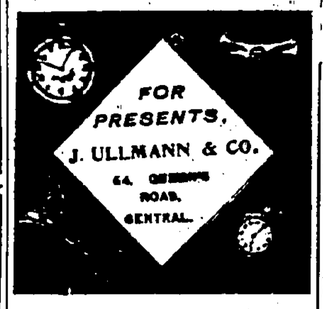
on the Government Ground adjoining the Race Course, North of the Grand Stand Enclosure.

Terms:—Cash.

For Plan and Conditions of Sale, apply to:—

HUGHES & HOUGH.

Auctioneers to the Government.
Hongkong, 8th January, 1917.



SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVED.

Tomakata M., Jap., s.s. 1,343, Otara, 11th Jan.—Bangkok, 16th Jan., Rice—Chinese.

Shibetoro M., Jap., s.s. 2,077, Murakami, 12th Jan.—Amoy, 10th Jan., Gen.—O.S.K.

POST OFFICE.

MAIL NOTICE.

The Post Office issues the following notification:—

"Particulars of outgoing and incoming Mails will not be advertised in future. The Post Office will forward all correspondence posted by the fastest routes.

"Persons requiring special information must apply at the enquiry counter in the Public Hall of the G.P.O."

The rates of Postage on letters to the Chinese Post Offices are now as follows:—

To Canton, Fatshan, Chan Chuen and Whampoa.—2 cents for ¼ Ounce.

To other parts of China—4 cents for each Ounce or fraction thereof.

Correspondence addressed to enemy subjects in China, Siam, Liberia and Portuguese East Africa, Persia and Morocco cannot be transmitted.

The Services to Germany, Austria, Bulgaria and the Ottoman Empire are suspended.

LOCAL AND REGULAR MAILS OUTWARD.

Tai O.—Week days, 5 p.m.

Tai Po.—Week days, 10 a.m.; Sundays, 9.30 a.m.

Cheung Chow.—Weeks days, 2 p.m.

Shataukok, Shatin and Sheungshui.—Week days, 4 p.m.

Aberdeen, Antau, Ping Shan, Sai Kung, Santin and Stanley.—Week days, 4.30 p.m.

Canton, Samshui and Wuchow.—Week days, 7.30 a.m., Registration 5 p.m., Letters 6 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Macao.—Week days, 7.15 a.m., 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Namtau and Sanmei.—Week days, 5 p.m.; Sundays, 5 p.m.

Shamchun.—Week days, 10 a.m., 4 p.m.; Sundays, 9 a.m.

FROM SHEUNGWAN WESTERN BRANCH P.O.

Macao.—Week days, 7.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.; Sundays, 8.30 a.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m., 1.30 p.m.

Canton.—Week days, 7.30 a.m., 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 7.30 a.m., 9.30 p.m.

Tai Ping Tung.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.

Shek Ki.—Week days, 9.30 p.m.; Sundays, 9.30 p.m.; Holidays, 9.30 p.m.

Kongmoon.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

Kumchuk.—Week days, 6 p.m.; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

Kaukeng.—Week days, 6 p.m. Except Saturdays; Sundays, 6 p.m.; Holidays, 6 p.m.

THE ALEXANDRA CAFE. Just arrived, Fresh assorted American Sweets & Fry's Chocolates.

WEATHER REPORT.

On the 12th at 11.45—The anticyclone has moved eastwards and is now central in the vicinity of the Straits of Corea; pressure has consequently increased quickly over E. Japan and the Bonins, and decreased considerably over the coasts of China and Annam. Slight decreases have also occurred over the Loochoos and the Philippines.

The monsoon will be interraped to the north of Foochow, but will continue to blow freshly along the southeast coast of China and over the north part of the China Seas.

Hongkong Rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 0.00 inch. Total since January 1st, 0.34 inches, against an average of 0.34 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON TO-MORROW.

District.	Forecast.
1. Hongkong to Gap Rock	N.E. winds, fresh; fair.
2 Formosa Channel	N.E. winds, strong.
3 South coast of China between H.K. and Lamocks	The same as No. 1.
4 South coast of China between H.K. and Hainan	The same as No. 1.

C. W. JEFFRIES,—Chief Assistant.

Hongkong Observatory, Jan. 12, 1917.

METEOROLOGICAL.

	Previous Day at 8 p.m.	On date at 8 a.m.	On date. at 8 p.m.
Barometer	30.44	30.36	30.30
Temperature	56	56	61
Humidity	80	80	48
Wind Direction	NNW	E	E
" Force	2	2	3
Weather	c	c	c
Rain	0.00	0.00	0.00

Highest open air Temperature on the 11th 56
Lowest " " " 12th 56

H.K. Observatory, January 12, 1917.

T. F. CLAXTON, Director.

Printed and Published for the Proprietor, by George William Cade Burnett at 11, Ice House Street, in the City of Victoria, Hongkong.

ENTERTAINMENTS

VICTORIA THEATRE.

FRIDAY, 12th JANUARY, 1917.

3rd and 4th Episodes (in 4 parts) of the

"IRON CLAW."

"THE COGNAC CASK." "The name and the Game."

———)o:(———

Interesting:—

"ACROSS HINDUSTAN." (Colour)

PATHE'S BRITISH GAZETTE.

Comic:—

"BILLY STUDIES MUSIC."

"WHEN THE CLOCK WENT CUCKOO."

"PEANUTS and BULLETS." (Keystone)

———):o:(———

Booking at ANDERSON'S.

BIJOU THEATRE.

The Coolest Theatre in Hongkong.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!! TO-NIGHT!!!

THE GREAT WHITE MAHATMA COY.

DR. RICHARD ROWE,

MAGICIAN, HYPNOTIST, ELECTRICAL WIZARD.

MORA,

The White Mahatma.

Grand Matinee on SATURDAY 13th January at 4.15 p.m.

Prizes for Competitions.

HONGKONG THEATRE.

(OLD LAND OFFICE BUILDING).

COMMENCING WEDNESDAY, 10TH JANUARY, 1917,

The Final 3 Episodes of

"THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY."

———):o:(———

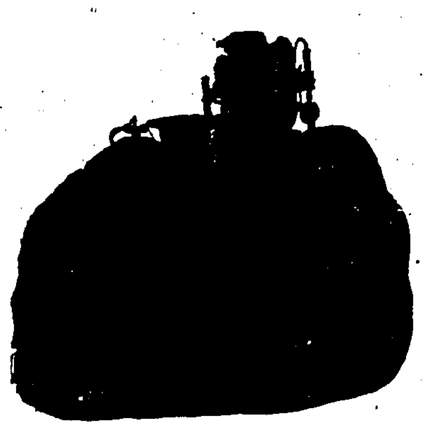
ORCHESTRA IN ATTENDANCE.

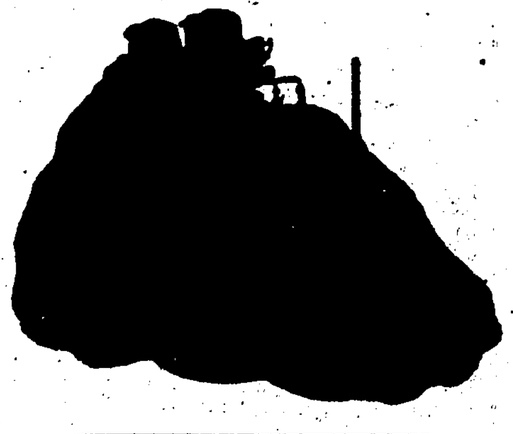
SATURDAY Matinee commences at 4.30 p.m.

BOLINDER'S CRUDE OIL ENGINES

FOR MINING, MUNICIPAL, MARINE AND STATIONARY WORK.

REDUCED REPAIR BILLS, LOW RATE OF FUEL CONSUMPTION, REDUCED DEPRECIATION, INCREASED RELIABILITY.





THE SIMPLICITY OF THE FEW WORKINC PARTS ENABLES THE "BOLINDER" TO BE DRIVEN WITHOUT THE SERVICES OF A TRAINED ENGINEER.

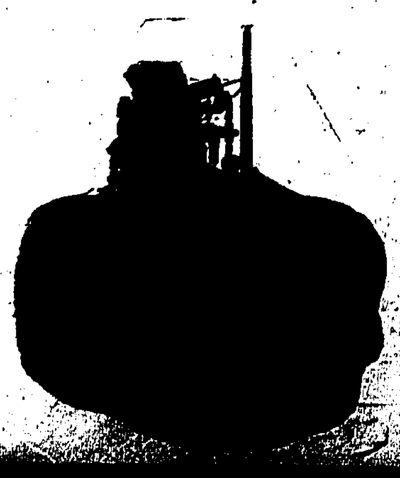
SOLE AGENTS FOR THE EAST:

W. G. HUMPHREYS & CO.

TEL. NO. 228 QUEEN'S ROAD, CENTRAL, HONGKONG.

THERE ARE NO CAMS, VALVES, GEARING, ELECTRIC IGNITION OR VAPORISER TO GET OUT OF ORDER.

The "Bolinder" is made to a Standard Guage, therefore all Parts are interchangeable, and replacements can be ordered with absolute certainty of their fitting accurately.



Every year additional improvements are made in the "Bolinder" which enables same to lead the world of Hot Bulb engines, but owners of existing engines can usually have the more up-to-date parts added to their present installation, at very little cost and trouble.